

COMEDY 'SEVENTEEN'
TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets to the senior class play, "Seventeen", which is to be shown at the new auditorium next Wednesday night, have been placed on sale at The Bijou. The price of reserved seats is fifty cents.

This pleasing comedy by Booth Tarkington is in four acts. The following seniors are in the cast: Doris Gilbert as Mrs. Baxter; Will Hayden as Mr. Baxter; Donald Story as William Sylvanus Baxter; Mort Griffith as Johnnie Watson; Alfreda Baty as Jane Baxter; Fanny Becker as Mary Parcher; Ruby Richards as Lola Pratt; Louis Moles as Genesis; James Howell as Joe Bullitt; Eugene Potashnick as Mr. Parcher; Donald Miley as George Cropper; Kathryn Hanner as Ethel Boke; John Houchens as Wallie Banks and Lucille Mount as Mary Brooks.

It is the tragedy of William Sylvanus Baxter that he has ceased to be sixteen and is not yet eighteen. Seventeen is not an age, it is a disease.

In his heart William knows all the tortures and delights of love. But he is still sent by his mother on errands of the most humiliating sort and depends on his father for every nickel, the use of which he must justify before he gets it.

"Silly" Bill fell in love with Lola, the "Baby-Talk Lady", a vapid little flirt. To woo her in a manner worthy of himself (and of her) he steals his father's evening clothes. When his wooings become a nuisance to the neighborhood, his mother steals them back, and has them let out to fit the middle-aged form of her husband, thereby keeping William at home.

But when it comes to the "Baby-Talk Lady's" good-bye dance, not to be present was unendurable. Now William again gets the dress suit, and how he wears it at the party, and Genesis discloses the fact that the proud garment is in reality his father's, makes up the story of the play. "Seventeen" is a work of exquisite human sympathy and delicious humor.

Reserved seats to the operetta, "Miss Caruthers Returns", are on sale at Dudley's. This musical play is to be given by the Girls' Glee Club, assisted by Misses Helen Hess, Emma Morehead and Ruth Wilkerson, on next Tuesday evening in the new auditorium.

The story follows: Miss Thyra Caruthers has been left a large estate by her father, in whose will she has been requested to continue the support of one of his philanthropies, an Art Club, where talented young women might secure board and room at small costs while carrying on their studies in the various arts.

Miss Caruthers, at the death of her father, has gone to Europe to travel. On her return she determines to find out for herself just how her money is being used by Mrs. Jones, the matron of the Art Club, and to satisfy herself as to the characters of the girls who are receiving the benefits of her philanthropy. She gains entrance to the Art Club by posing as a maid, whereupon she learns that Mrs. Jones has been using money that should have gone to the support of the place, to purchase clothing for her niece, Desdemona; also that Desdemona is planning to elope with a Mr. Jerry Smith, pretending to be a millionaire. Miss Caruthers learns he is an impostor who wishes to marry Desdemona because he thinks she is an heiress. She further learns that the girls are hard working, ambitious girls. She frustrates Desdemona's plan to elope and saves her from a compromising situation in which she seems guilty of stealing her aunt's money. Later Thyra reveals her true identity, forgives Mrs. Jones' indiscretion, and secures that lady's promise to give Desdemona another chance. She commends the girls for their loyalty to each other, and promises to help each one of them to realize her ambition.

The commencement sermon will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. The program as planned is as follows: Processional...America the Beautiful Invocation...Rev. J. M. Fontaine Anthem...Glee Club Announcements...Supt. Roy V. Ellise Scripture Reading...Rev. E. B. Hensley Solo...Miss Emma Morehead Sermon... "The Thing That Counts" Rev. T. B. Mather

Doxology...Glee Club Benediction Recessional—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

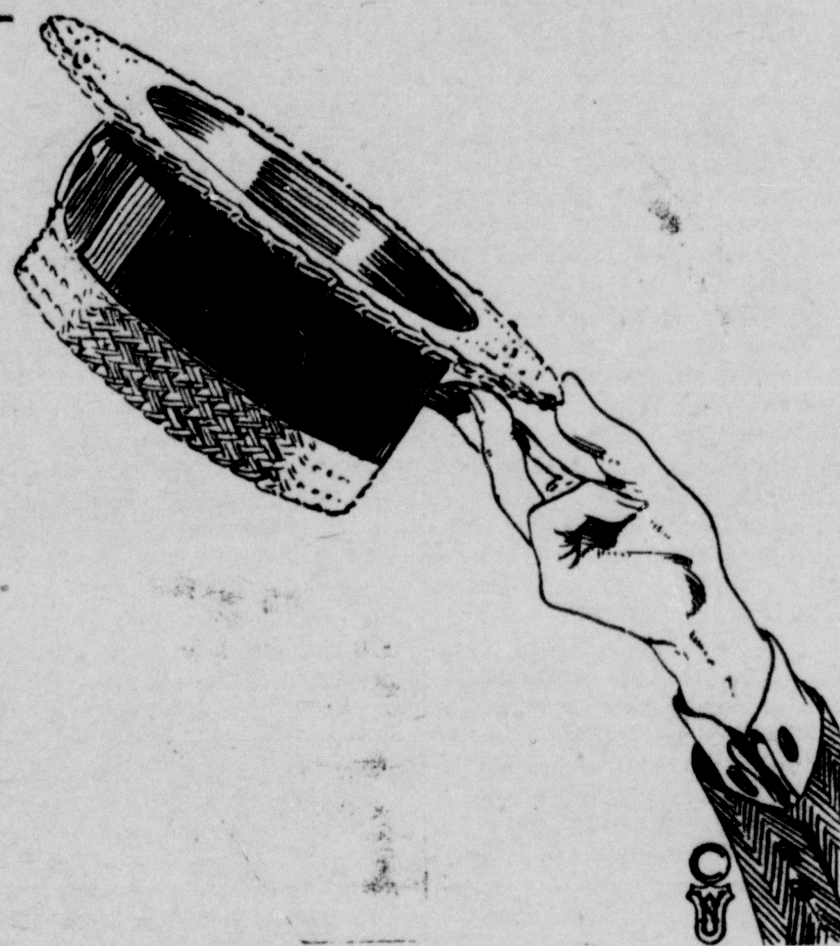
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ENGINEER UPHOLDS
WATER ANALYSIS

In a letter to Mayor C. E. Felker, State Sanitary Engineer George W. Putnam, refutes statements made in a Sikeston paper last week to the effect that the State's analysis of the local water supply was "unaltered and bunk". The report of the State Board of Health some weeks ago, showed that only one sample of the fifteen sent in from Sikeston contained enough bacteria to be judged unsafe for health. The local editorial implied that the Sikeston water had a bad odor, the dirt in it was visible to the eye and that the State Board did not know what they were talking about.

The letter from Mr. Putnam follows:

"Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter of May 8th from your City Clerk, enclosing clipping from one of your local papers, regarding the report of this Board on the condition of the Sikeston public water supply.

"This report was based on fifteen samples collected from your city supply in sterile sample bottle and forwarded to the State Board of Health laboratory at Jefferson City in a standard iced container. The bacteriological examination was made in accordance with the standard methods of water analysis of the American Public Health Association.

"It is known that the city water contains considerable iron in solution as it comes from the wells, which is partially oxidized and precipitates out in the mains. The presence of this iron has absolutely no sanitary significance as it cannot possibly give one drinking this water any disease. It may, however, effect the palatability of the water for some persons.

"Possibly the writer of this clipping is under the mistaken impression that the presence of iron precipitate in the water affects the safety of the water supply for drinking purposes."

NEW MADRID COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The regular meeting of the New Madrid County Medical Society was held in New Madrid on May 7th, in the office of the New Madrid County Health Department. The following doctors were present: J. H. Cochran and J. D. Fulkerson, Gideon; C. S. Blackburn, Parma; R. E. Wiley, Lilbourn; Claude McRaven, Marston; P. M. Mayfield, Portageville; R. Lee Williams, Ft. Pleasant; J. D. Fakes, W. L. Digges, Wm. N. O'Bannon, New Madrid. The visiting doctors present were W. E. Yount, G. B. Schultz, C. A. Zimmermann of Cape Girardeau; J. H. Yount of Sikeston. Judge E. J. Hoke of Parma and L. D. Marlowe of Lilbourn, Judges of the New Madrid County Court were guests of the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Dr. C. McRaven gave a report of a very interesting case where the diagnosis had been deferred, and was followed by a very interesting discussion. Dr. Cochran gave a report of a case of hysteria, which was also very ably discussed. Drs. Schultz and Zimmermann both gave interesting case reports. Judges Hoke and Marlowe both gave short addresses which were greatly enjoyed by the society.

The wives of the doctors met with Mrs. O'Bannon for the purpose of organizing the Women's Auxiliary. The following officers were elected: Mrs. P. M. Mayfield, President; Mrs. W. L. Digges, Vice-President; Mrs. W. N. O'Bannon, Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Parsons, County Health Nurse, read a paper and assisted the ladies in perfecting their organization.

After adjournment, the doctors joined their wives at Dr. O'Bannon's residence, where a delicious luncheon was served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

MR. AND MRS. GREER ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer entertained a number of friends Thursday night at dinner and Bridge. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hummel, Mr. and Mrs. Moren Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ostner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall and Miss Pauline Moore, all of Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. James Kevill, Mr. and Mrs. Clay H. Stubbs, Misses Myra and Burnice Tanner, Arthur Barrett and Dr. H. E. Reuber and Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Wade of Malden.

PUPILS AT CATHOLIC
SCHOOL IN RECITAL

The music pupils at the Catholic school gave a very creditable recital in the school rooms Monday night to a good crowd of parents and friends. The young musicians showed not only unusual poise before an audience, but talent and excellent training. The following program was given:

Crimson Blushes...Lester Little
Little O' the Sea...E. Houchon
Eulach Frazier, Frances Green, Marian Johnson, Orman Barnes, Tris Marshall.

Piano Solo—Kleiner Wildfang...Otto Anschuetz
Mary V. Lee

Piano Duet—Carrera Bicycles...E. Holst
Mildred Tesson, Evelyn Bailey

Reading—A Christian Soldier
Frances Green

Donau Wellen...I. Ivanovici
Violin Ensemble

Piano Duet—Our Banner March...Paul Jones
Robert Dempster, Edw. Fuchs

Reading—Seein' Things at Night
Mildred Tesson

Piano Solo—Drops of Water...Joseph Asher
Ruth Bateman

Chorus—Moonlight on the Lake

Piano Duet—The Apple Tree Swing...H. Spencer
Emily Blanton, Mildred Meyer

Vocal Solo—Little Red Wagon...Bertrand Brown
Opal Elkins

Piano Solos—Valse Caprice...F. G. Rathburn
Mendelssohn...Sidus

Dorothy Walker

Reading—The Matinee Girl
Gladys Swinny

Piano Solo—The Mill Song...Leon Ringuet
Frances Green

Valse Danseuse...W. E. Miles
Violin Ensemble

Piano Solo—Martha...Flotow
Georgia Houchon

Musical Reading—A Perfect Little Lady...Denison
Dorothy Walker

Piano Duet—Danza Espanola...Evard Holst
Elizabeth Taylor, Clara Trousdale

Reading—Little Orphan Annie
Emily Blanton

Piano Solo—Home Sweet Home...Lang
Gladys Swinny

Vocal Solo—Two Little Magpies...J. Wells
Opal Elkins

Piano Duet—The Jolly Blacksmith...Jean Paul
Ruth Bateman, Frances Green

Reading—The Telegram
Mildred Meyer

Hope March...Papini
Violin Ensemble.

Dave Kevill spent last week in St. Louis on business.

Miss Margaret Carpenter, who has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Blanton for the past few weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Cleveland, Ohio.

CHAFFEE YOUNG WOMAN
HOME FROM CHINA

Miss Flossie McKnight of Chaffee, who has been in China for the past five years, returned home Monday afternoon.

She left Chaffee on July 29, 1920, and sailed from Vancouver, British Columbia, arrived in Soochow, China, and has spent her time working in Laura Haywood Normal School. She left there and went to Hangchow this spring to work in Trinity Institution of church and club work and left Hangchow April 13, and sailed for the United States. Miss McKnight made stops at Kobe and Yokohama, Japan, also Honolulu. Before she left Hangchow she was promised a trip to Europe, but on account of her mother's illness she canceled her engagement and came here.

She intends to tour the United States and lecture on interesting things she saw in foreign countries.—Cape Missourian.

MCCUTCHEN BUYS GRAND
THEATRE THIS WEEK

O. W. McCutchen bought the Grand Theatre Tuesday, thereby adding another moving picture house to his chain of six in this section. Mr. McCutchen bought the theatre from L. B. Curtis of Kennett, who recently purchased it from Tom Arnold, who started it about four months ago.

Mr. McCutchen will continue the shows there on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the regular prices. He did not take over the old picture contracts and will book entirely different pictures. His management took charge Wednesday.

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. John Kerr of the Presbyterian Church at Farmington will be the chief speaker at the ground-breaking service of the local Presbyterians at 2:30 Friday afternoon. The exercises will be held at the church lot on Matthews Street.

The service will be opened with a prayer by Rev. J. M. Fontaine.

Rev. E. B. Hensley will give a short talk of welcome to the new church builders. Gospel songs and solos by Miss Vera Brinkopf and Mrs. L. L. Conatser will be the music.

SEWERAGE AND MALONE
AVENUE TOPICS OF C. OF C.

Opening Malone Avenue and installing adequate sewerage were the chief topics at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night. About twenty members were present. No action was taken toward electing a new secretary.

Just now petitions are out and being signed by Chamber members, which ask the City Council to take immediate action on these two proposals.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Montgomery and daughter Miss Glenda and Mrs. F. S. Corzine motored to Memphis, Tenn., Thursday morning.

FIVE FROM HERE AT
W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE

The Group Institute of the State W. C. T. U. was held in Poplar Bluff last Friday afternoon and night with Mrs. Lettie Hill May, State Corresponding Secretary, presiding. The meeting was of great interest to members of the organization in this district, they declared. Many out-of-town visitors were here including the following:

Parma—Mrs. Minnie E. Sigler, Mrs. E. B. Gee, Mrs. J. R. Lucy, Mrs. C. C. Fly.

Des Moines, Ia.—Mrs. Ida B. Wise, Kennett—Mrs. J. C. McHaney, Mrs. Lucy Harris, Mrs. J. A. Bradley, Mrs. J. V. Billings and Miss Lulene Taylor.

Piedmont—Mrs. O. C. Lucy, Mrs. Minnie Lee, Mrs. G. W. Toney. Cape Girardeau—Mrs. J. H. Himmlerberger.

Charleston—Mrs. W. S. Love, Mrs. W. C. Bryant, Miss Lillie Beck, Emma Roberts, Mrs. Charles Tucky, Mrs. Louise Ostner, Mrs. C. M. Davis, Mrs. Wm. Holloway, Mrs. F. H. Scofield, Miss Cora Simpson.

Jackson—Mrs. C. H. Wolter, Mrs. G. S. Henderson.

Sikeston—Mrs. C. A. Nichols, Mrs. T. F. Henry, Mrs. C. C. Freeman, Mrs. J. A. Hess, Mrs. M. J. Thomas.

St. Louis—Mrs. Lettie Hill May. Morehouse—Mrs. I. H. Dunaway.

Mrs. F. B. Rauch, Mrs. R. E. Lowe, Mrs. Clark. Los Angeles—Mrs. Harry Rimmer.

Up until 3 o'clock Friday afternoon 65 people had attended the meeting, including a number of Poplar Bluff members. Mrs. C. McCoy, president of the Butler County W. C. T. U., opened the meeting with a welcome to the visitors and introduced Mrs. Lettie Hill May, State Corresponding Secretary, who presided during the day. Rev. L. L. Roberts also gave a cordial welcome in behalf of the local organization and the city.

A symposium by department superintendents on "How My Department Aids in Law Enforcement", consisted of short talks. Among those taking part in these discussions were Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. McHaney of Kennett, Mrs. Hess, a delegate from Scott County, Mrs. Munger of Piedmont and Mrs. J. H. Himmlerberger of Cape Girardeau, all of whom gave interesting reports on what was being done toward use of the Bible in public schools in their communities.

Mrs. Harris of Kennett and Mrs. Bryant of Charleston made short talks on the value of mothers meetings. Mrs. McHenry told of the practical work in Christian citizenship being done by the women of Dunklin county.

On the work of the flower mission department, Mrs. Lucy of Piedmont, Mrs. Wolters of Jackson, Mrs. Thomas of Sikeston and others made short talks. Mrs. McCoy at this time introduced a motion which was carried, to send flowers and a message of appreciation and encouragement to deputy sheriff Claude Graham, who

was seriously wounded recently while in the discharge of his duty. Also a message of condolence was sent to Mrs. E. H. Spitzer, president of the Oxy Union, who is bereaved by the loss of a daughter and is herself very ill.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

STATE ROAD EMPLOYEES
TO CHECK AUTOISTS

Missouri automobile owners who have not yet registered and obtained 1925 state license plates for their cars are to be watched and checked by maintenance patrolmen of the State Highway Department and reported, under plans made by officials of the highway department and the state automobile registration department, it was announced today.

At a conference between the officials to determine the advisability of co-operating on reporting motor car owners who are delinquent in registration of their cars, it was decided to furnish forms to all highway maintenance patrolmen for that purpose. Steps are being taken to carry out the work. It will be statewide.

KILL OVER 100 CHIMNEY
SWALLOWS IN THEIR HOME

A very disagreeable incident was experienced Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews when they returned, after being out awhile and discovered a great flock of chimney swallows in their home. The walls and drapery were badly soiled by soot and it took a great deal of effort to get them out. Over a hundred were killed in the rooms of the lower floor. The muss was doubly tragic because Mrs. Mathews had cleaned house only last week.

TWO ARMS BROKEN IN
SIKESTON SATURDAY

While cranking her car Saturday, Mrs. M. G. Gresham broke her right arm and dislocated her shoulder. Although she suffered much pain, Mrs. Gresham is able to be out. On the same day the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farris broke his arm while playing. The boy who was attending the Baptist Sunday School picnic, was brought to Dr. Presnell's office by Mr. Morris, the revival singer, and is doing nicely now.

NEW MADRID PAPER
IN SIXTIETH YEAR

The New Madrid Record this week starts on its 60th year under the management of A. O. Allen, Sr.

The paper was established by Mr. Allen at New Madrid in 1866, and is one of the oldest papers in Southeast Missouri.

COLORED CHURCH AT MT.
OLIVE TO HOLD RALLY

The colored Missionary Baptist Church at Mount Olive will hold its first flag rally on Sunday, May 31. The officers have issued an invitation to the public, the Rev. Doward says.

NUMBER REGISTER
AT BETTER HOME

The hostesses at the Better Home on Kendall Street have welcomed god crowds every day. On Monday afternoon, thirty-nine visitors registered, on Tuesday afternoon there were about one hundred and Tuesday night there were twenty-five. Wednesday morning, although the house was not open to the public, Miss Isabelle Hess and about 20 high school girls from the home economics classes inspected the home.

Out-of-town visitors have been numerous. On Monday, Mrs. Cassius M. Clay of Memphis, Tenn., registered; on Tuesday, Mrs. S. T. Kendall of Poplar Bluff; on Wednesday Mrs. L. Daugherty, Mrs. J. H. Boyce, Mrs. L. H. Leslie, Mrs. Ralph McCullough, Mrs. Lutie P. Leslie, Mrs. Anna G. Beardslee, Mrs. G. D. Harris, Mrs. H. F. Emerson, Mrs. B. F. Earles, Mrs. Maude Daugherty, all of Morley; Mrs. Fred Hetlage of Kewanee, and Miss Missie Howard and Mrs. Susan Conran of New Madrid.

Mrs. C. C. White and her assistants were hostesses Monday, serving punch and wafers. Tuesday Mrs. B. F. Blanton and her assistants served hot waffles and coffee, the electric range being demonstrated by Mrs. M. M. Beck. Tuesday evening, Mrs. Roy V. Ellise received. A number of men attended the open house in the evening.

At the open meeting of the Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., gave an excellent paper on "Fine Arts". The Club also voted on the hospital furnishing movement, deciding that though as a body it was in favor of helping a community hospital, it was not in favor and did not subscribe any funds to any movement now underway.

On Friday the little orchestra trained by the Catholic sisters, will be on the program.

Besides the two furniture companies, which furnished the Better Home, the Club is indebted to many other firms, among them the Farmers Supply, Derris Drug Co., C. H. Yanson, Missouri Public Utilities Co. and others.

VANDUSER HIGH GRADUATION
HELD THURSDAY NIGHT

The graduating exercises of the Vanduser High School was held on Thursday night, May 14, in the school auditorium. The following program has been arranged for the occasion:

Invocation...Bro. Johnston
Salutatory Address...Herbert Hency
Chorus—Sunset
Class History...Thelma Cramick
The Rose...Frances Hale
Class Prophecy...Maxine Gibbs
Chorus—"Vanduser Forever"
Valedictory Address...Velma Gregory
Class Address...Bro. Anberschon
Presentation of Diplomas
.....Supt. Howard

Mrs. Cassius Clay is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. M. Stallcup.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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and adjoining counties\$1.50
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United States\$2.00

The oculists in Sikeston have had
an unusual run this week in fitting
men with glasses. It was unexplain-
able until the announcement was
made that there would be a "bloomer
girl" baseball game next Wednesday
afternoon.

The Standard was under the im-
pression that the Woman's Club was
organized for a purpose higher than
personal gain, but it seems from the
reluctance its members are taking to-
ward encouraging a hospital for Sik-
eston that we are mistaken. It seems
that any member who has a "sister,
cousin or aunt" kin to a drug store or
a physician is afraid that someone
may gain or lose by having a hospital
unless it be a "community hospital"
where no one would be responsible for
what might happen. The proposition
for a hospital of any sort should meet
with the encouragement of all soci-
eties as it is dedicated to the sick and
injured of the community without re-
gard to social position and when it
comes down to frown on the propo-
sition for the above reason it will be
pretty hard to convince some that
the Woman's Club has the right sort
of feeling for the sick.

The editor and Mrs. Blanton ac-
companied H. C. Blanton and family
on a very delightful trip through the
Ozarks the last of the week. The
itinerary was: Poplar Bluff, Doni-
phan, Thayer, West Plains, Mountain
Grove, Ava, Mansfield, Ozark, Bran-
son, then back to Springfield and
home over Route 16 through Willow
Springs, Elsinoe and Van Buren.
Some wonderful scenery was viewed
and great stretches of country that
appeared to be uninhabited. From
Thayer to West Plains and beyond
were many large orchards and in the
inhabited sections smaller orchards,
poultry and live stock was to be seen.
Around Mountain Grove and especial-
ly around Ozark were many beautiful
and well kept farms. At West Plains
we stopped at The Arcade Hotel
which is operated by Mr. Martin,
who is a brother of Mrs. Van Arsdale
of this city. They gave us splendid
entertainment. At Ozark we stop-
ped for a short visit with Chas. E.
Reid, who runs a Democratic news-
paper, and who is an acquaintance of
40 years, both of us having worked
together in Paris, Mo., and later in
1889 in the Government Printing Of-
fice at Washington, D. C. It was a
real pleasure to the writer to see our
friend of old and to present a part of
our family. He and his good wife are
growing old gracefully and are the
same true couple that they were when
we last saw them, 36 years ago. From
Ozark to Branson was full of thrills
as the up hill and down dale was of
the roller coaster variety. At Bran-
son it seemed as though the Almhig-

ty had thrown in a handful of some-
thing that back-fired as it was hills
and gulches and straight up-and-
down mountains with Lake Taney-
como stretching for 26 miles down
the gulch. Sunday night was spent
at this place and an early start got
us to Springfield, 69 miles north
where the party breakfasted. From
Ozark to Springfield, 26 miles, were
many pretty homes and fine stock
farms. Returning from Springfield
to Poplar Bluff over Route 16 took
us through country that was rough,
poor and sparsely inhabited. Rey-
nolds and Carter Counties were about
the most God-forsaken country we
have ever passed through. There has
been some wonderful road work done
on the different routes traveled, es-
pecially to the west of Ava, where the
road follows for miles the hog back
of the Ozarks, where it was necessary
to blast the ridge to make it of suf-
ficient width to conform to specifica-
tions. Either side of this hog back
presented a panaramic scene hardly
describable. As far as the eye could
see on either side were peaks and
waves of mountains that were lost in
the distance. It was a trip never to
be forgotten and one that will be a
pleasure in a few more months when
the few remaining short stretches of
road are completed. All honor to the
State Highway Commission and its
score of engineers who are giving us
such a system of roads. This trip
was presented to his Mother by Har-
ry and Dad was permitted to go
along.

DRUNKEN AUTO DRIVERS

An automobile driver convicted of
driving while drunk, driving careles-
sly, resisting arrest, and peace dis-
turbance, has been fined \$462. He
appears to take this hard, for he is
reported to have been reluctant to
pay the fine and to have been placed
in the hold-over to "think it over".

If he should decide to pay, and can
pay, such payment will leave him
free to get drunk again, drive his car
while intoxicated, and perhaps seri-
ously injure or kill someone. This
experience may or may not induce
him to mend his ways and become a
careful driver. But if his license
were revoked and he were placed on
parole for a year, forbidden to drive
a car during that period, and then
made to give a pledge that he would
drive soberly and carefully, he would
be unable to injure anyone with his
machine for that length of time, and
the lesson might induce him to take
the pledge seriously.

Permitting a driver convicted of
driving while intoxicated to hold his
license and go on driving on the same
terms as other citizens is a poor way
to prevent reckless driving.—Post-
Dispatch.

The man who wrote the headline,
"Rum Fleet Vessels Dwindle Woefully"
certainly let his sentiments out in
that last word.

WHOLE BLOCK AT COOTER
WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Steele, Mo., May 12.—Fire of un-
known origin completely destroyed
the entire business block owned by W.
P. Polk in Cooter, three miles west of
here, yesterday. The blaze originated
in the Polk meat market and soon
spread over the entire block, result-
ing in a total loss of one grocery
store, meat market, babrber shop,
blacksmith shop and one dwelling.
Loss is estimated at over \$10,000 with
less than \$100 insurance.

A DECADE SINCE LUSITANIA

Ten years ago, May 7, 1915, the
Lusitania was sunk by a German tor-
pedo off the Old Head of Kinsale, the
most southerly point of Ireland. Of
the 1917 persons aboard the liner,
which was one of the finest afloat, 1,-
152 lost their lives. No single atro-
city of the war caused the sensation
the sinking of the Cunard liner creat-
ed throughout the world. Taking toll
as it did of American life and prop-
erty, it was widely deemed sufficient
cause for war against Germany. But
war did not follow for nearly two
years. Nevertheless, the incident did
much to shape the course of America
towards eventual participation in the
struggle.

Six days before the liner had sail-
ed from New York. Amid the usual
scenes of gaiety surrounding the de-
parture there was current an unmis-
takable note of apprehension. Many
of the passengers had received anonym-
ous letters warning them the ship
was to be torpedoed; the Germany
embassy that day had published a
warning in the New York newspa-
pers, an unheard-of procedure. But
the liner sailed, and an uneventful
journey until within sight of the Irish
coast had all but dissipated any alarm
the passengers may have felt.

Then, suddenly, at 2 o'clock in the
afternoon, with no warning whatever,
the torpedo struck, and in twenty
minutes the Lusitania plunged to the
bottom. Two torpedoes were fired, a
white trail in the water as they neared
the only sign of their approach. The
Irish coast was only ten miles away,
but it was too far with engines dis-
abled and the ship in a sinking con-
dition. Owing to the listing vessel
only half the lifeboats could be
launched. As the ship sank the Ger-
man submarine which had fired the
torpedoes came to the surface within
three hundred yards of the wreck it
had made and stood by without offer
of assistance.

Captain Turner went down with the
ship but, having on a lifebelt, was
picked up later by one of the many
boats that came to the rescue. Many
of the passengers and the crew were
killed by the explosions of the tor-
pedoes, some died later from expos-
ure occasioned before they were res-
cued by fishing boats, but the greater
number were drowned.

There were 179 Americans on
board. Of these 114 perished. Among
them were Charles Frohman, the
New York theatrical producer; Chas.
Klein, the dramatist; Alfred Gwynne
Vanderbilt, Justus Miles Forman, the
novelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert
Hubbard. It was an ocean disaster
surpassed in magnitude only by the
sinking of the Titanic in midocean
some three years before, at which
time 1503 lives were lost.

The German government attempted
a justification of the atrocity by the
assertion the Lusitania carried mun-
itions of war; that the passengers had
embarked in face of official warning
that they courted danger. But the
Lusitania carried no munitions, and
was not armed, and it was held that
Americans were within their rights in
traveling the high seas.

There were many who considered
the sinking of the Lusitania a "crime
against civilization". The temper of
the public mind following the disaster
was expressed most forcibly in an ar-
ticle in the Metropolitan Magazine by
Theodore Roosevelt:

"In the teeth of these things, we
earn as a nation measureless scorn
and contempt if we follow the lead of
those who exalt peace above righte-
ousness, if we heed the voices of those
feeble folk who beat to high heaven
that there is peace when there is no
peace. For many months our gov-
ernment has preserved between right
and wrong a 'neutrality' which would
have excited the emulous admiration
of Pontius Pilate—the arch typical
neutral of all times."—K. C. Star.

MISSOURI TO OPEN BIDS
FOR \$2,500,000 ROAD WORK

Jefferson City, May 11.—One hun-
dred and thirty miles of new road
work to cost approximately \$2,500,-
000 will be included under projects for
which bids will be received and open-
ed at the next road letting at the
State Highway Department here on
May 22, it was announced today at
the department. The work is to be
done in nineteen counties of the
state. The majority of it is to be
concrete paving.

It will be made up of about forty-
four miles of concrete, fifty-three
miles of graveling, thirty-two miles
of grading preparatory to surfacing
and nineteen small bridges. The con-
tracts will be awarded to the success-
ful bidders at a later meeting of the
Highway Commission.

BAPTIST MINISTER AT
CAMPBELL DIES

Campbell, May 11.—Rev. D. W.
Goldsmith, pastor of the Baptist
Church here for 30 years, is dead. He
was one of the leading figures in the
fight on saloons in Dunklin County
and secured local option for the en-
tire county.

AMERICA DISCOVERED
BEFORE COLUMBUS

Every schoolboy has been taught
that Columbus discovered America.
No date sticks more firmly in the
mind than October 12, 1492. For then
it was the intrepid mariner first drop-
ped anchor in the West Indies and
went ashore to proclaim the discovery
of a new continent. No other fact
has clung tighter to its place in the
school curriculum than that. Genera-
tions of pupils from the days of the
little red schoolhouse down to the pre-
sent have thumbed their histories and
learned by rote that Columbus dis-
covered America.

And now comes the disillusioning.
Columbus didn't do any such thing.
There is no dispute that he touched
land in the western hemisphere when
and where history records he did, but
that he was the first European to be-
hold the new continent is denied by
certain historians who recently have
delved rather deeply into the problem
of America's discovery.

It is pretty generally known that
Norsemen landed along the Labrador
or Nova Scotian coast nearly five
hundred years before Columbus was
born; and there is a tradition that the
Irish preceded them. But despite this
Columbus has remained the discover-
er of America. Those who have stood
by Columbus have consoled them-
selves with the thought that anyway he
was the first of his time, meaning
thereby that he was the first in the
vanguard that began the settlement
and civilization of the Americas.

But even this is now denied. If we
are to believe this new dictum of the
historian a Danish expedition accom-
panied by two Portuguese gentlemen
touched along the Newfoundland coast
in 1472, just twenty-two years
before John Cabot found the main-
land of North America, and French
merchants had visited and perhaps
were familiar with the Atlantic Coast
of America as much as a century be-
fore Columbus. Columbus is known
to have visited Bristol England, in
1447, presumably to talk with fisher-
men who frequently fished to the west
of Iceland and even as far as New-
foundland, and possibly to find and
talk with Didrik Pininf, the Danish
leader of the 1472 expedition. Colum-
at the time went as far as Iceland,
but whether or not he saw Pininf is
not known. Not only that, Columbus,
on his memorable voyage had as cap-
tain of one of his vessels, a Spaniard
named Pinzon who three years previ-
ously, while in French employ, had
visited the coast of Brazil.

Not content with that, which is suf-
ficient to destroy Columbus' title to
discoverer of America, the historians
and archeologists in their study of
the remarkable Aztec and Mayan civil-
izations of Mexico and Central Amer-
ica, are coming to the belief that
these were Arabic or African com-
mercial outposts in a virgin land.
That between them and Europe for a
long period of time, beginning about
1150, or 1200, was carried on a large
commerce. The negro is indigenous
to Africa, yet Columbus found him in
America when he came on his third
voyage; from the Indians he obtain-
ed "guanines", or slabs of gold and
copper alloy, well known in the trade
of the Guinea Coast of Africa, and
was told they had been brought by
the "black merchants from the south-
east".

Columbus, therefore, concludes the
historian, was a late comer, only an
incident in a drama of exploration and
development that had been going on
for a long time. They will grant him
this: that it was he who popularized
America in Europe, that it was he
who "sold" the new land to the Old
World, but that as a master of mari-
ner he was a better master salesman.

Burton Kline, in the current issue
of the World's Work, sets forth some-
thing of the fascinating story. Says
Mr. Kline: "It is now established
beyond effective contradiction that for
easily a century before Columbus,
and perhaps for a still longer period,
French merchants of Dieppe and Rou-
en regularly sent their ships to the
Guinea Coast of Africa, and probably
to the bays of South America for
gold, ivory, spices, skins, precious
stones and other exotic desirables. It
is known that this commerce was or-
ganized on almost the scale of a mod-
ern American corporation. Yet, for
a reason, all this business went on
without pomp of advertising and as
much as possible under the seal of se-
crecy".

Mr. Kline gives the reason for that
secrecy, which is easily understood.
The kings of Europe, for the support
of their wars, were wont to tax heav-
ily wherever they could find wealth.
The merchant class, by far, was the
wealthiest. If the merchants could
hide the sources and extent of their
fortunes, they were that much in pocket.
Their ships, therefore, slipped
out of port secretly, and they came
back from voyages and dropped an-
chor with as much secrecy as they
had departed. Few knew where they
had been or what they had brought
back. There was, however, an ad-
miralty office in Dieppe maintained by

the merchants, as a place of business
record and an exchange of marine in-
telligence. This center was a well or-
dered, smoothly-running concern, and
indicative of a wide and lucrative
commerce.

Unfortunately in 1649 in a war be-
tween England and France, the town
of Dieppe was bombarded, and this
clearing house destroyed with all its
records. But merchants in those days
went to law the same as merchants do
today, and sufficient of these old law-
suits are recorded in ancient French
records to give a good idea of the ex-
tent of that early French commerce.
It is certain that the founding of the
admiralty office antedates by many
years of birth of Columbus.

Gaffarel in his book, "Le Bresil
Francais", records that in 1489, one
Jean Cousin, a Frenchman, crossed
the Atlantic to Brazil, recrossed it to
the Cape of Good Hope, thence north
along the African Coast, and on home
to Dieppe. Cousin had with him a
Spaniard, a skilled mariner named
Pinzon. Off the African Coast it was
necessary to go ashore for food or
water, and Pinzon, contrary to custom
among merchantmen who were al-
ways seeking friendly contacts with
natives, lost his head or his temper
over something and fired on the na-
tives. This so incensed Cousin that
when he got back to Dieppe, he filed
formal complaint against the Spani-
ard, and Pinzon was deprived of his
license and the right to take ship
from Dieppe, and drummed out of
the French mercantile service. He
returned on foot to Spain.

Now when Columbus set sail three
years later on his historical voyage,
he had three brothers, Pinzon on
board, one of which he trusted suf-
ficiently to place in command of one
of his three vessels. It is known that
Columbus regarded Captain Pinzon's
advice and counsel very highly; and
Columbus recorded in his log that
Pinzon constantly and stubbornly
urged a course "more to the south-
ward".

Columbus also complained of
Pinzon's temper. Not only that, when
land at last was found, Pinzon cut
loose from the other two vessels and
disappeared for three weeks to the
southward, testing perhaps whether
the Brazil he had visited was not in
that direction. On the return to
Spain, Pinzon again cut loose, made
an independent landing at Barcelona,
and hastened to the king to be first
to announce the discovery. Thus, says
Mr. Kline, "as the case unfolds, it
becomes increasingly clear that be-
fore he (Columbus) sailed he knew
what he was going to discover and
where it lay—for the excellent reason

that a person or persons had been
there before him, and he knew that
also".

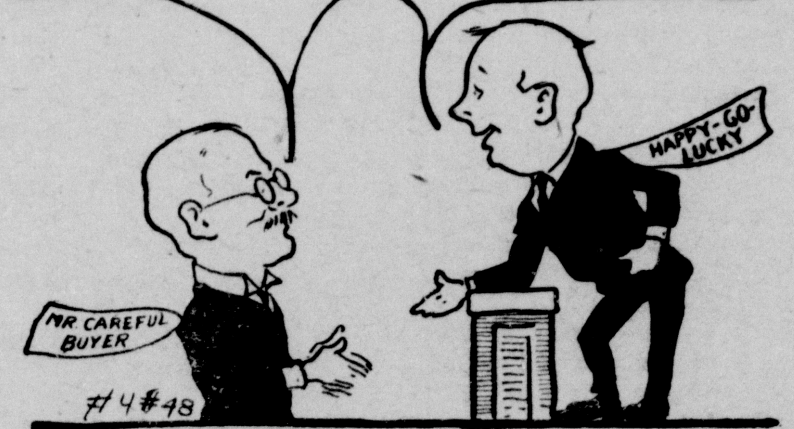
"The identity of that earlier Colum-
bus, the real discoverer of America,
pushed over here by that energetic
people, may never be established. But
the certainty of his existence and his
deed gains credence with each new bit
of discovery, each new line of thought
brought to bear upon it."—K. C. Star.

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400 U. S. SHIPS TO BE BOUGHT BY HENRY FORD

Detroit, Mich., May 13.—Henry Ford will purchase the 400 vessels of the United States Shipping Board if the government will fix what he considers a fair price, according to a story which will appear in the Detroit Free Press this evening. The announcement was made this afternoon by Mr. Ford, following a conference with T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the shipping board.

O'Connor is quoted as asking to take over 200 ships in his original suggestion, the article says. However, when Ford informed him that he would only buy the ships to scrap them for junk, O'Connor suggested that he buy all 400, as it would not cost much more to construct dismantling apparatus to handle the 400 ships than it would the lesser number.

Ford agreed to this, saying that he might retain from 10 to 30 of the ships for use by Ford industry. If any of the ships were put in operation by Ford, they would be reconditioned and equipped as oil burners, the article states.

Despite the tentative agreement, the matter of the sale of the ships to Ford will not be cleared up for several months, it is believed. The shipping board has been wary of making any agreement heretofore, as it felt if the ships were sold abroad to be scrapped, that promises might be broken and the ships might reappear under foreign flags in competition with American ships.

"The ships were built during the war when everybody was crazy", Ford was quoted as saying. "Most of the boats were thrown together in a great hurry. They were for an emergency and consequently many of them were not strongly built and some of the engines put into them were pretty bad".

"We have already purchased three vessels from the shipping board", he added, "we took these three boats for pioneering and we know their limitations. Two of the boats are of about 3000 tons. The third, the East Indian, is slightly larger and is now being put into shape for service to Denmark, which we hope will begin about August 1.

Ford indirectly refuted a statement which O'Connor is alleged to have made to newspaper men in Buffalo, that Ford would become the greatest ship owner in the world's history, by making the remark that he did not intend to use more than a few of the ships, scrapping the remainder.

Ford estimated the cost of constructing apparatus to dismantle the ships would amount to about \$400,000.

POPLAR BLUFF TENNIS CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—Brazale Albre, for the boys, and Revola Greer for the girls are the tennis champions of Poplar Bluff High School, having won the annual classic in their finals with Joe Lindsay and Nadine Bone, respectively. The Curtis cup for the boys and the Board of Education Cups for the girls will be awarded.

MALDEN COUNCIL DESTROYS \$20,000 CANCELLED BONDS

Malden, May 11.—The City Council a few nights ago, destroyed \$20,000 in cancelled bonds, against the indebtedness of the city.

SIKESTON-DEXTER PLAY HERE SUNDAY

The opening local game of this season will be played with Dexter at the Fair Grounds Sunday. Manager Heister will use practically the same men that he had last week with the exception of Cheatham, of Chaffee, who will play second. Bowman will be shifted to left field.

According to League standing so far, Sikeston has a lead of one game over Dexter. But dope is not to be trusted and the Dexter team, which gave Kennett a game of 5-4 last Sunday only after thirteen hard-fought innings had been played, will doubtless give Sikeston plenty of opposition.

The probable line-up for Dexter is: J. Ulen shortstop
Hammonree centerfield
Sisler 1st base
Norman 2nd base
Kirby right field
Daugherty left field
Witcher catcher
Osburn 3rd base
G. Ulen left field
Hodge pitcher

Sikeston's line-up is:
Daugherty 1st base
Dudley shortstop
Cheatham 2nd base
Crain 3rd base
Finn catcher
Bowman left field
Van Arsdale right field
Mow centre field
Martin pitcher
Substitutes—Lancaster and Hebbeler.

How They Stand

	W	L	Per Ct.
Kennett	2	0	1000
Doniphan	2	0	1000
Poplar Bluff	2	0	1000
Cairo	1	1	500
Sikeston	1	1	500
Malden	0	2	000
Dexter	0	2	000
Cape Girardeau	0	2	000

Last Sunday's Results

① Kennett 5, Dexter 4.
Cairo 4, Malden 3.
Doniphan 5, Sikeston 0.
Poplar Bluff 4, Cape Girardeau 1.
Sunday's Schedule
Doniphan at Kennett.
Cape Girardeau at Cairo.
Dexter at Sikeston.
Malden at Poplar Bluff.

AT THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church

9:30—Sunday School.
11—Baccalaureate sermon.
7:00—Epworth League.
8:00—Evening services. Subject: "The Book."
THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor.

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School.
There will be no preaching services due to the absence of the pastor, who is attending the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn.
S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

St. Francis Xavier

Hours of Masses—Sundays, 7:30 and 9:30.
Week days—7:00.
T. R. WOODS, Pastor

Christian Church

9:45—Bible School.
Communion following.
6:30—Christian Endeavor.
7:30—Evening service. Subject: "Does It Matter What You Believe?"

We will have no preaching at the morning service. We will join in the baccalaureate service at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

E. B. HENSLEY, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

10:00—Sunday School.
No preaching services because of the baccalaureate sermon at the M. E. Church.

J. M. FONTAINE, Pastor

SISTER OF JUDGE LESCHER DIES IN LOUISVILLE

News has reached Mrs. J. C. Lescher here, of the death, at 9:30 Wednesday night, of Mrs. Emma Siegel of Louisville, Ky., who was the sister of Judge Lescher, who died here some months ago. Mrs. Siegel was ill at the time of Judge Lescher's death and the news was kept from her.

FOR SECOND PLANTING

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Mattie Smith and children.

SUPREME COURT RULES ON CONVICTS' PAROLES

Jefferson City, May 13.—A writ of habeas corpus was denied Harry B. Jacobs, a convict in the Penitentiary, by a decision delivered in the Supreme Court en banc today by Acting Chief Justice David E. Blair. All of the judges concurred in the ruling which holds that a convict who has been paroled and has been returned to the Penitentiary under a revocation of parole, is not entitled to credit on the unfinished portion of his sentence for the time intervening between the date of the parole and the date of the revocation.

This point was raised by David W. Peters, attorney for Jacobs in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted for him, in which the immediate discharge of Jacobs from the Penitentiary was asked on the ground that counting in the elapsed time that he was at liberty under parole until it was revoked, he was entitled to discharge under the three-fourths law.

Inferentially, this question involved the authority of the Governor of the state to fix conditions under which a convict may be paroled.

Judge Blair says that Jacobs, having failed to observe the conditions of his parole, was returned to the prison to serve out the remainder of his term. He holds that he is not entitled to have the time that he was at large between date of the parole and its annulment deducted from his remaining time, and that his imprisonment is legal and remands him to the custody of the warden of the Penitentiary to serve out the rest of his time.

He holds that there is, under the Constitution, no doubt of the authority of the Governor to fix conditions of a parole for an inmate of the Penitentiary.

Don't Seal Up Vaccination

The following article written by Dr. W. A. Evans is of great educational value:

"The surgeon general of the United States telegraphs a warning against the use of bunion pads or smallpox vaccinations. Several deaths from lockjaw in which bunion pads were used in that way have been reported to him. He is said to have made some examinations of unused bunion pads and found tetanus, or lockjaw germs, in them. All of this has been common information among health officers for nearly twenty years and yet a large proportion of the people seem never to have heard of it. Lockjaw germs are very apt to get into all kinds of glue and products in which glue is used. Any person who uses glue or any other adhesive substance on or around any wound is taking an unjustified risk of lockjaw.

The Spanish war in Cuba got us into more than one kind of trouble. In that war, the surgeons sealed up the wounds airtight and got very satisfactory results. Soon afterwards, the plan of putting airtight shields on vaccinations became general. Experience proved this to be very bad practice. Wounds need some air; vaccination wounds are not exceptions. In cases where shields were used, there were a few cases of lockjaw and a great many bad arms due to other infections. The practice was abandoned among informed people at least 15 years ago.

At the outbreak of the World War surgeons started in sealing up the wounds as they had learned to do in 1898. There was so much lockjaw, gas gangrene, and other forms of infection, that the practice of putting bunion plasters and other shields was changed before long. Now nobody seals up general wounds.

Why is it that the practice of putting bunion plasters and other shields on vaccination have proven backward? The explanation is that smallpox and all that concerns that disease is no news. George Washington had smallpox. Some of his stepchildren died of it. Abraham Lincoln had smallpox while he was president. Barton tells us he and the boys had smallpox in the White House.

In that day, education was not general and the facilities spreading news were not good. But smallpox was about as much as anything else. Today the machinery for gossip is organized in the degree, but nobody is afraid of smallpox, nobody is interested in it, and therefore it has no news value.

The surgeon general needs all the help he can get in his efforts to tell the people not to put bunion plasters on their vaccinations.

BAD LIQUOR CAUSES DEATH OF POPLAR BLUFF MAN

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—The body of Roy Lake was found last night in his room at Loyal Hotel here, was buried late this afternoon at county expense. Lake, a man 40 years old, was last seen alive Saturday night. When his door could not be opened, police broke it down. He had been dead 24 hours. Death was from the effects of bad liquor, it is believed.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. Taylor Todd and Mrs. J. V. Baker were shopping in Cape Girardeau on Wednesday.

"Dude" Blackwell is back from Wichita, Kansas, greeting old friends and doing some fishing.

John Shoulders has gone back to the hospital at Cape Girardeau for more treatments.

E. L. Crumpecker and wife are entertaining a new girl at their home since Tuesday night. The little Miss weighed 6½ pounds.

Mr. Percy, grain dealer of Canolou was in town transacting business on Tuesday evening.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Monday night at the Baptist church by Rev. Patterson. The theme of the talk was service to God, service to country and service to home.

Rev. Patterson is in Memphis this week attending to some business.

The Junior-Senior banquet was held Wednesday night in the gymnasium, with eighty plates. There are twenty Seniors in the graduating class. The banquet was enlivened by some excellent selections of music by students. Those who made speeches were: Adrian Doss, President Junior class, Henry Hart, President Senior class, Bryce Edwards, Supt., E. W. Davis, Pres., Charles Hall and E. L. Griffin. The high school baseball team defeated Morley, Wednesday afternoon, 13-12.

SOVIET HAD TONS OF GEMS

Three hundred pounds of diamonds! A matter of 680,400 carats of gems! A hundred million or so in American dollars!

That is one small lot of stones catalogued by the Russian soviet "jewel department" in Moscow. These stones were separated and put up in a neat packet as being suitable for the Paris trade. What may be the vast quantity not suitable for Paris whims is not known. But it is generally understood that it is a matter of tons rather than pounds.

Jewels of every kind are represented. It is said that the Russian crown jewels are included.

It is inconceivable that all this weight of scintillating gems could have been in one safe, so the theft reported recently probably did not bankrupt the Third Internationale. No doubt the soviet has ample resources to restore, partially at least, the communistic propaganda fund thus depleted, but these resources have been dwindling perceptibly the last few years.

Many jewels have been sold to pay for Russian imports and to maintain Russia's emissaries abroad. Many others have been stolen, just as were these jewels of the Third Internationale.

The first big scandal of the "jewel department" occurred in 1920, when it was discovered that diamonds valued at \$250,000 had disappeared from the department's safes in the Kremlin.

One day the Countess M. appeared before the commissioners and complained that she had seen a diamond sunburst that had once been hers about the neck of a woman on a Moscow street. She declared that it was bad enough to lose the jewels without having to see them on another woman. Investigation followed. It was discovered that many other gems were missing. Twenty officers of the department were arrested. In November, 1923, they were brought to trial.

This trial was the first important

case to be heard in soviet Moscow. Feeling was intense. The friends and families of the accused thronged the Hall of the Nobles, a room since made notable as the place where Lenine lay in state after his death. Evidence was heard quickly. A line of soldiers, bayonets fixed, separated the judges from the spectators. The twenty were found guilty of theft of state property. The sentence was death.

Immediately the friends of the doomed pressed forward, against the line of bayonets. Bloodshed seemed certain—until Djerjinski, dreaded head of the awful Cheka, appeared. He said not a word, but his awe-inspiring eyes and his portentous bearing quieted the crowd. The twenty died an hour later.

But it was not for six months that real evidence of their guilt was discovered. In May, 1924, officers of the Cheka made one of their many visits of inspection to the house of Madame Lupachef, widow of one of the executed officers. They had been there often and had searched diligently, but had found nothing.

Madame Lupachef, busily knitting and surrounded with many balls of yarn, always followed them with her cavernous eyes. They were glad when they were safely out of the line of her accusing vision.

This last time she behaved exactly as before. With a leer of triumph she greeted their lack of success. She half raised herself in a gesture of malediction. A ball of yarn fell to the floor with a thump. At once a commissioner seized it. Within its

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Admission 10c and 20c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

NO SHOW

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

NEAL HART in

"The Devil's Bowl"

A story which has thrills and action aplenty.

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Admission 10c and 20c

twisted threads a fortune lay concealed.

More than \$100,000 worth of diamonds was recovered. And Madame Lupachef knits no more.—Milwaukee Journal.

In Germany today there are 59 per cent more women working than before the war, and the number of students in Germany has increased more than 100 per cent since 1914.

The organization of the Federated Farm Women of America was recently completed in Washington, D. C. The purpose of the organization is to "re-establish the peace, happiness and prosperity of the farm home".

52 TO BE GRADUATED FROM POPLAR BLUFF HIGH

Poplar Bluff, May 11.—Fifty-two students of the high school will receive diplomas next Friday night, it is announced by Supt. G. W. Beswick. This is the largest class ever graduated from Poplar Bluff High School. Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, president of the University of Missouri, will deliver the commencement address.

In Iceland whistling is forbidden as a breach of the divine law.

Scotland Yard has decided to admit women to the ranks of its Criminal Investigation Department.

Week May 18 Nights at 7:30 MALONE THEATRE SIKESTON, MISSOURI

MONDAY & TUESDAY

DOROTHY MACKAILL and JOHN BOWERS in

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Also NEWS and COMEDY
Admission 15c and 35c

Note: This picture is now running in St. Louis at the Grand Central, Capitol and West End Lyric Theatres.

WEDNESDAY

VIOLA DANA, LEW CODY and MONTE BLUE in

"Revelation"

Based on Mabel Wagnall's book, "The Rosebush of a Thousand Years." The wild joys of living—and their cost.

Also NEWS and COMEDY Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY



RAMON NOVARRO

RAMON NOVARRO and ALICE TERRY in

"The Arab"

A thousand avenging horsemen riding the wind like fury. Heroes of a death defying race, valiant for the love of their Sheik and his fair white beauty!
Also JACK DEMPSEY No. 7 and INKWELL
Admission 10c and 25c

FRIDAY

VIOLA DANA and BEN LYON in
FAMILY NIGHT

"The Necessary Evil"

Also REVIEW and Comedy—"MY FRIEND"
Admission 10c and 30c

SATURDAY

JACK HOXIE in

"Two Fisted Jones"

Also "INTO THE NET" No. 7
MATINEE—Admission 10c and 20c
NIGHT—Admission 10c and 25c

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Tailored Suit Is Liked for Spring

Conservative Modes Rule—Parisian Knee-Length Popular Model.

If it is possible to select and define a type from the elaborate offering of the season's styles the fashionable figure is to be slender and young. Youth, upstanding, outstepping, expressing pride of life, even if sometimes in terms of athletics, is the ideal of the hour. Clothes must reflect this and be both chic and conventional. There is evident a standardized model, more conservative than it would be had it not been for the extremes of late seasons.

The conventionality suits the day and its ways, and a certain unmistakable refinement stamps the best among the latest styles. Lines are tempered to define simplicity and grace, and the most radical change in color models is evident. The violent colors have almost wholly disappeared, and the quiet, richer shades are now fashionable.

All the tans, browns, grays and the softer greens and taupes are used by the best designers, who are showing also some high lights in red, discreetly interpreted. For all of this uniformity and toning down there is no monotony in the present season. It is a day of individuality, of personality and of original ideas. The American woman of fashion dresses after the Parisian manner if that chances to please her, but in any event she elects to be pleased and not, as heretofore, to follow automatically.

So says a fashion writer in the New York Times.

Less Controversy.
There appears to be less controversy than ever before regarding the new modes, except as to skirt length. Paris amuses herself by placing the bottom line of the skirt just below the knee, or barely over the knee. This is just what Paris did four or five years ago, with varying and entertaining results in the styles on this side. A few among the ultra-smart returning from abroad appeared in skirts of the same length they wore at the age of ten, regardless of gray or dyed locks, long or bobbed. The rebound among Americans lowered the skirt which the best couturiers prophesied will again happen shortly.

The really chic woman will have her skirt hemmed seven to ten inches above the floor. Another, wishing to be more extreme, will shorten it to twelve inches, and the woman who goes in for the period costume will cut her skirts to her ankles. As to lines in the latest styles, there is much variety. In the more formal street dress the straight line is usual, the tendency toward a shaped waistline, the flare flounce and godet in the skirt is occasional.

These depend upon the designer who presents a type. Redfern clings to the uncurved, even "box," outline, and shows at the same time a fine restraint in the length of his skirts and the cut of his coats. From the house of Martiat et Armand are received some uncommonly attractive models, straight, shorter and more scant of skirt, and with loose, unvaried straight-line coats. Most distinctive among Jean Patou's advance models are some spring suits of smart simplicity and uncompromisingly straight silhouette.

Many other creators of Paris styles are presenting new ideas in other types, some of which will appeal to the well-dressed American, others that suit better the taste of the Frenchwoman. Molyneux, Louise Boulanger, Douillet, Agnes and Cheruit are among the interpreters of the flare, the circular flounce and godet. Worth is

another among the designers whose latest models are more supple, yet slim and graceful. Lanvin employs much plaiting, the inverted plait for the practical purpose of giving more width, plaited panels, plaited flounces.

All of these authorities in the matter of fashions have a following among fashionable Americans, who even vary the models on occasion. The first things presented, though often done originally in silk, satin or crepe, are translated for spring into fine woolsens, kasha, wool bengaline, wool poplin, charmeuse. The more severe styles, all the variants of the tailleur are made of twills, tweeds and the Rodier fabrics. The difference of feeling and adaptation of these French models adapted for Americans are interesting, and the results are usually successful.

The type of spring suit which is having an almost universal vogue is the three-piece, known by the much-overworked name of "ensemble." It is three-piece only in the sense that the frock takes the place of skirt and blouse which were required in the original tailored suit. The new crepes and silks, the many artistic printed things are used for this.

The figured material of the dress harmonizes with the coat of wool, of silk, satin, or whatever, and some of the coat's material is often seen on the dress—a narrow collar, a band on the sleeve, some form of trimming on the skirt. The coat invariably is lined with the same material as that of the dress. This constitutes the popular "ensemble." Its variations are numberless, many of them delightful. The fashionable shades of beige, tan, yellow, gray and light brown combine in soft harmonies of color with the new printed crepes, which are more artistic than any that ever have been shown for this style of costume.

The grounds of these usually are in soft tones of ivory, beige or pearl, on which the patterns in all the new colors, with sharp points of black or scarlet, are shown in effective relief. The favorite materials have a soft, finely rough surface like the old-style camel's-hair so much worn by women of refined taste. Kasha, its descendant, is the most fashionable fabric of the year, the lightest weave being shown for spring, and natural kasha, an indefinite mixture in beige, is absolutely all the rage. A long, straight, supple coat of natural kasha over a frock of beige crepe printed in a Brandt design of rich brown, black or scarlet or one of small conventionalized floral pattern, the coat lining also of the crepe, represents the best type of the season's mode.

Two-Piece Model Popular.

The two-piece is another successful model, less formal than the three-piece, but smart and practical for many occasions. It is much used for sports suits, of course, with the many styles of separate skirts, overblouses, sweaters, tailored shirts and waistcoats. But some lovely, softly made frocks are accomplished with skirt and dressy overblouse or tunic. These as well as the three-piece suits are made of the light-weight woolsens and of the rich heavy silks that are equally suitable for gowns or wraps. With these frocks a separate coat is required, which may be of a color that will harmonize with several dresses.

While the vogue of figured silks is keen and wide, the plain colors are seen in some of the handsomest models, some of the prominent designers evidently preferring to be unique in offering something different from the prevailing type. Molyneux, for instance, has done a charming three-piece gown slightly godeted, coat with flaring skirt, all in one creamy shade of beige crepe faille. A pretty "ensemble" from Agnes is built of wool poplin in light tan, the entire outfit in two materials, plain, and a self-toned plaid of the wool, the coat being lined with silk of the same shade.

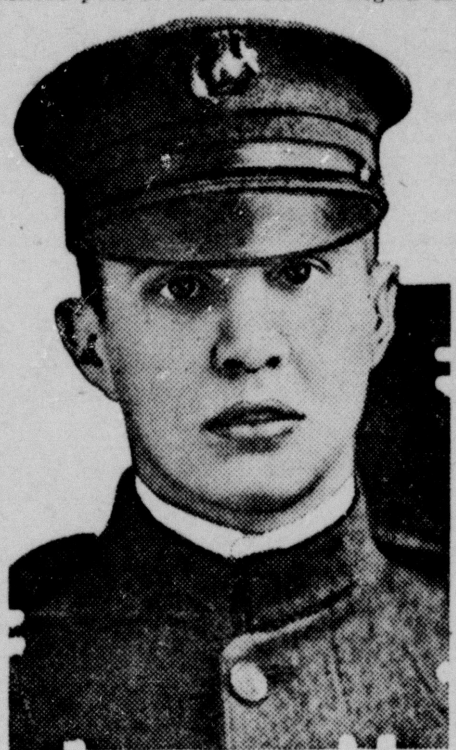
The AMERICAN LEGION

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STIBOLT SUFFERED FORTY LEG WOUNDS

More than forty wounds in the legs led Noble Stibolt from the paths of a traveling salesman to those of the law. Today he is succeeding as an attorney in the capacity of inspector for the American Surety company of New York city, is highly pleased with his position and says he has better prospects of getting ahead than he would have had if the World War had not changed the course of his career.

Stibolt was wounded by fragments of a high explosive shell in the St. Mihiel drive of Sept. 12, 1918. After returning to civilian life, he attempted to cover his old territory as a hat salesman. But his legs couldn't stand up under the strain of walking all day. Stibolt, who is a member of North Shore post of the American Legion in



Noble Stibolt.

Chicago, declares that the conscientious efforts of the government agencies given the herculean task of rehabilitating the disabled will surely be appreciated by the men more and more as time goes on.

"The American Legion is in a great measure responsible for this wonderful work, and they certainly deserve the support of the citizenry for the important role which they have played in helping rehabilitate the thousands of incapacitated men, thereby fitting them for life's battle on an equal basis with their fellowmen," he wrote to national headquarters in Indianapolis recently.

Plans for Monuments Laid Before Congress

Final plans of the American Legion Battle Monuments commission towards marking the battlefields abroad and commemorating the activities of American troops overseas have been laid before congress, according to legislative officials of the American Legion in Washington.

The plans call for beautification of the American cemeteries, commemorative monuments to the members of all American organizations which participated in the major American operations, historical monuments to record important operations of American divisions, a monument at home to commemorate the activities of the army and naval forces of the United States in Italy and surrounding waters, erection of tablets to mark locations of headquarters of the American expeditionary force and two memorials and three monuments to commemorate naval activities.

The commission contemplates the expenditure of \$3,000,000 to carry out its plans.

The Legion has taken a leading part in the work of the commission since it was created by act of congress in 1922. Several Legionnaires are on the commission, including Gen. John J. Pershing, chairman; and Thomas W. Miller, president of the Fidae, organization of inter-allied veterans.

Harmon Playgrounds Are Awarded to Many Cities

Many cities throughout the country have recently been awarded Harmon Foundation playgrounds through the instrumentality of their local American Legion posts. The latest instances of awards being made were in Dillon and Marion, S. C., where the Legion posts took a leading part in securing the playgrounds. The post officials had been working for the gifts ever since the Harmon Foundation published notice about a year ago that 50 awards would be made to qualified cities. More than 1,000 applications were made from all parts of the United States.

Patience Is a Virtue

"Your wife is surely taking on weight."
"Don't see how she does it, staying up till three or four o'clock in the morning."
"Good heavens! Why does she stay up that late?"
"Waiting for me."—American Legion Weekly.

Blackleg of Potato Can Be Controlled

Formaldehyde or Corrosive Sublimate Favored.

Potato blackleg, one of the most destructive of tuber diseases, can be controlled by treating the seed pieces with hot formaldehyde or corrosive sublimate, provided the seed pieces are planted immediately or are kept out of reach of a certain small fly until they are planted.

This fly lays its eggs in great abundance about the time potatoes are being planted. If it happens to lay them upon seed potatoes and such seed is planted, the eggs hatch out what is known as the seed-corn maggot, so called because when first discovered it was attacking corn seedlings. According to J. G. Leach of the division of plant pathology, Minnesota College of Agriculture, the eggs contain the blackleg organism when they are deposited. Then as the maggot bores into the seed piece it carries with it the bacteria which first rot the seed and then spread to the stem of the plant, causing it also to rot and die.

"The maggots feed upon the bacteria as well as the decaying tuber," says Doctor Leach. "The bacteria remain in the intestinal tract of the maggot until it pupates and makes its way to the surface of the ground where it develops into the adult fly. Thus the insect carries the blackleg bacteria with it at all times."

Capacity of a Silo Is Matter of Importance

The capacity of the silo is a matter of importance. Unless one is keeping at least ten cows the cost of the silo is usually not justified. A round silo, 28 feet high, will hold the silage for about a dozen cows during the usual feeding season. A good standard size ranges from 14 to 16 feet in diameter and 30 to 32 feet high. Under ordinary conditions cows eat from 30 to 40 pounds of silage a day, according to their size and condition of lactation. A farmer can easily estimate how much capacity is needed, on the basis of this amount to be fed per head. If one has 30 cows to feed, then about 1,050 pounds a day would be required, and for a feeding season of seven months or 210 days, 220,500 pounds or 110 tons. A round silo 30 feet deep and 16 feet in diameter inside holds about 120 tons. The capacity of the silo should enable one to feed from the surface daily to a depth sufficient to prevent molding. This is usually placed at around 1½ to 2 inches. In recent years some silo owners on high-priced lands, and not pasturing, feed silage every month, beginning to feed just as soon as the silo is filled, and keeping it up until next filling. Others feed the entire year excepting during the flush of pasture in May and June.

Alfalfa Profitable Crop for Use in Any Section

While farmers are growing a good deal of alfalfa they do not grow one tenth enough. It is by far the best noncultivated crop we can grow, and usually returns as much profit per acre as corn, wheat, or any other cultivated crop.

As a hay crop it is second to none, yielding as high as four tons to the acre in favorable years and never less than two tons. It is liked by every animal on the farm from chickens to horses, and they will leave their grain to eat good alfalfa hay, if it is within their reach. Give calves all the alfalfa they will eat after they are four months old and they will thrive on it. It is almost a necessity for milk cows. It doesn't matter what you feed a cow, if you leave the alfalfa out she will decrease in the flow of milk at once.

FARM FACTS

Prevent weeds from seeding.

Blessed is a gardener who delights in spring catalogues.

A large part of every farmer's mental capital should be the experiences of others.

Plow pasture lands and improve them, draining wet spots and building up poor spots.

Kohl-rabi is an early season vegetable when at its best, or a late fall one. Put in some seed early.

It takes about six pounds of seed corn to plant an acre. This means that about sixteen ears for each acre to be planted are necessary.

Use oats as a nurse crop for sweet clover rather than barley. In either case the nurse crop should be seeded at about one-half the normal rate of planting.

Perennial vegetables and small fruits may be profitably fertilized with a good dressing of stable manure. Be liberal with the application and cultivate it into the soil early in the spring.

Running a farm garden is no longer a boy's job. It plays such an important part in keeping the cost of living down on the farm that every farmer can afford to take a few days off in the early part of the season to plow and plant the garden.

NEW SAFETY FENDER FOR AUTOS INVENTED



A new protective fender for automobiles called the national safety fender, was recently demonstrated by the bureau of public safety of the police department. The fender which projects about the same distance as an ordinary bumper is said to be positive in action and will protect a pedestrian from going under the wheels. The fender drops on contact or by control of driver. Photograph shows J. A. Ridaway picked up by the fender.

REMOVING PAINT FROM MOTOR CAR

Practical Plan Outlined for Cleaning Auto, Tractor or Machinery.

To remove the paint from the motor car body, tractor or farm machinery for repainting, coat with a paste made of lye as follows:

Dissolve six heaping tablespoonsful of cornstarch in three quarts of water in a wooden pail or stone crock and in another container dissolve one can of lye. Pour the lye solution into the cornstarch very slowly, being careful to stir well all the time. This will make a thick paste without lumps.

Put Paste on Surface.

Paint this on the surface from which the paint is to be removed with an old brush or swab, putting it on in an even thick coat. If on the body of an auto, it is best to first remove the fenders and running boards or to cover them with a thick coat of grease. A small section should be covered with the paste at one time and should be left on until it shows signs of drying. It then can be scraped off with a putty knife, wire brush or steel wool. If all the paint does not come off, a second or third coat must be given.

Fenders or cars with enameled bodies have the enamel baked on and it is not practical to remove this without placing in a tank of strong lye solution which is kept boiling. Wire wheels from which the paint is to be removed are best treated in this manner.

Clean Small Parts.

To remove paint from small parts of the tractor or farm machinery, hang them in a tub of a solution made by dissolving one can of lye in each gallon of water. The paint on such parts is much easier to remove than from the auto body and with very little labor your tractor or mower can be made to look like new. This will also clean all the grease or oil from the parts and leave a clean surface to paint over. Wash well with plenty of water all parts before repainting.

Do not use this remover on aluminum parts or on cars with aluminum bodies. All aluminum trimmings as on the running boards must be protected with a thick covering of grease.

Modus Operandi of Tire Repairing Is Outlined

A word as to the modus operandi of tire mending may not be out of place. The cut to be plugged or vulcanized must always be thoroughly cleaned in the first place. A cloth soaked in gasoline is the best medium for cleaning the cut. If it is a deep one the cloth may be used on the end of a screwdriver.

After the cut and the surrounding area have been thoroughly cleaned and are dry a coat of cement is applied to the sides and bottom. After this has dried another coat is put on, and when this has dried the tire filler is applied. A bit of the filler is worked into the cut with the blade of a knife or a screwdriver. In case the tire must be used on the road immediately a small piece of cloth or paper should be cemented over the repair to keep dirt from being picked up.

No car should go on the road without a complete tire repair outfit, portable vulcanizer, cement, filler, patches, etc. These outfits may be had in a variety of forms and they will repay their cost times over.

Reduce Wearing

To secure uniform wear from a set of tires, change them around about once a month. It is particularly important to reverse the rear tires. After the rear tires are worn down reverse them with the front. The increased wear on tires is actually caused by the pitch of the road, which throws more of the car on the right side than on the left. The round of the road from curve to curve is far more important in determining the sequence in which tires normally wear out—right rear, left rear, right front, left front—than are gutter wear and abrasions from grinding off and on pavements.

Noise of Squeaky Brake May Be Remedied Easily

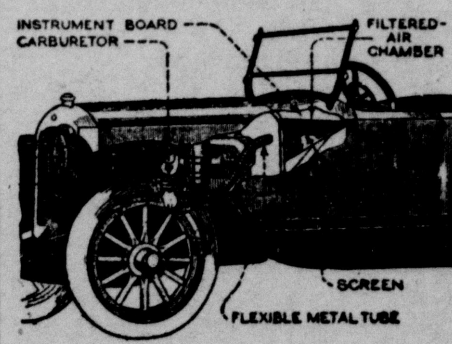
When a brake squeaks it shows that it is not doing its work efficiently, as correct braking operations consist of a smooth gripping action without squeaks or chatter. Chatter is caused by an alternative gripping and releasing of the bands on the drums. This is caused partly by the design of the bands and partly by the method of fastening the linings. As the bands are open on one side, they cannot conform to the shape of the drums unless they are of the right shape.

If when the pedal is pressed, the bands start to wrap from the bottom and continue upward on both sides, the chances of chatter are not so great. But if the bands take hold first at the top, the slack on both sides must be taken up first before they will lie flat on the drums, producing chatter. If the bands are bent or kinked when the linings are attached, they will not grip the drums evenly, producing chatter and uneven wear.

Squeaks are caused by the linings becoming hard and glazed, due to the friction and the application of pressure which presses the grit into the linings. Roughing the surface of the linings with a saw blade or coarse file will usually remedy the trouble, says Automotive Digest. Probably an easier way is to apply a mixture of castor oil and powdered resin to the linings. The former acts as a softener, while the latter increases the frictional resistance.

Carburetor Air Filter Keeps Out Much Grit

Analysis of the incombustible deposit in the cylinder of an auto engine, after the carbon had been burned out, showed it to consist of ordinary sand, clay dust and limestone dust, which had undoubtedly been drawn into the motor through the carburetor. As the sand is highly abrasive, it is obviously responsible for most of the wear on pistons, rings and cylinder walls. The entrance of sand and dust into the carburetor air intake can be prevented by providing a filter of the kind shown in the drawing. This method has been tried out and found highly satisfactory. The space between the dash and instrument board was used as a filtered-air chamber and was connected to the carburetor air intake



Air Filter on Carburetor Keeps Grit Out of Motor.

with a length of flexible metal tubing. This space was sealed to prevent air from coming in except through the filter, which was provided in the bottom. It consisted of several layers of closely woven cloth, with a piece of wire screen to make the filter more rigid. After a day's run a panful of dust was brushed from the underside of the filter. Later, when carbon was again burned out, there was no trace of any unburned deposit.—R. P. Cole, Paterson, N. J., in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Cooling System in Need of Thorough Cleansing

To give a thorough cleansing to the cooling system, disconnect the short section of hose between bottom of the radiator and pump, connect the garage hose to the water pump and a longer section of hose to the bottom pipe of the radiator and lead it outside of the truck. Plug the overflow tube with a cork or rubber stopper. Turn on the water after starting the engine, and it should be pumped through the water jacket and radiator till it runs clear. If the radiator and water jacket of the engine are found to contain considerable scale or rust, it may be necessary to flush the system out with a solution of hot water and washing soda and it may even be desirable to allow the washing soda solution to remain in the water system overnight to make sure the scale is loosened.—Scientific American.

WAR DEBT FUNDING BY FRENCH EXPECTED

Paris, May 13.—The first active negotiations for funding the French war debt to the United States will begin within fifteen days, it was learned authoritatively today.

Foreign Minister Briand and Finance Minister Caillaux are in favor of reaching an agreement with Washington regarding French debts without further delay. The form in which the negotiations will be conducted is undecided, but it is indicated they will be directed through established diplomatic channels rather than by a special French envoy to the United States.

It was confirmed in official circles that conversations have been continuing ever since former Ambassador Jusserand broached the debt question at Washington, but these have been of rather intangible character. It now is expected concrete propositions will be formed before the end of the month.

Washington, May 13.—At the State Department the statement was authorized that no official confirmation of the French intention had as yet been received from the Paris Embassy or through any other channel.

An official report from Ambassador Herriek is awaited in order that the nature of the plan of settlement to be advanced may be ascertained fully and given preliminary consideration before actual negotiations are initiated.

The French Government is already advised that the Washington Government cannot view as acceptable any proposal to assign to it annuities due to France under the Dawes plan on reparations accounts. It has been made clear that the United States in dealing with the French debt would regard the debt refunding agreement with Great Britain as a standard on which to model a similar agreement with the Paris Government.

The advices from Paris were received with undisguised gratification in Washington.

While treasury officials were without information further than that supplied them by the Associated Press, they assumed that the French were giving consideration to renewal of conversations substantially where former Ambassador Jusserand left them.

Belief in this possibility was strengthened by the statement from Paris that the negotiations would take place through established diplomatic channels. The idea also was advanced that the French authorities in taking such a step would profoundly influence French credit throughout the world.

80 LOTS IN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION SOLD THIS WEEK

All of the 80 lots in the new Tanner addition were sold between Monday and Thursday of this week, practically all being sold in two days, Dan McCoy, sales manager for the lots said Thursday. The lots were nearly all sold on the installment plan with monthly payments of \$5 or \$10.

About 200 acres of the Tanner estate near the high school comprised the addition.

The platting of the land was done by W. H. Tanner. The lots were priced at \$250 apiece.

At 5:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, thirty present were given away on the grounds to holders of tickets given out during the sale.

Poplar Bluff Hotel Sold

Poplar Bluff, May 13.—The American Hotel, one of the largest in Poplar Bluff, was sold yesterday to Mrs. J. F. Chambers of this city. She assumed charge immediately. The consideration was not announced.

The Standard, \$1.50 per year
Do your marketing at Patterson-Inman's.

Coffee that starts the day right is sold at Patterson-Inman's.

Fresh clean and sweet, good things to eat at Patterson-Inman's.
FOR SALE—Cafe, 712 Prosperity. Cheap if sold at once.—H. A. McCoy. 2t

In Germany today there are 59 per cent more women working than before the war, and the number of students in Germany has increased more than 100 per cent since 1914.

The name of Doris Gilbert was inadvertently left out of the list of Sikeston High School graduates in Tuesday's edition. Supt. R. V. Ellise says Miss Gilbert should be included.

Rev. R. L. Duckworth and Rev. D. E. Cannaday of Cape Girardeau were in Sikeston Wednesday to transact business in connection with the Young People's Conference to be held in Advance May 29-31.

Nearly 1400 devices have been patented by women in this country.

France boasts of having more women aviators than any other country in the world.

PERSONAL NEWS

Of Town and Country

Patterson-Inman sells good fresh meats.

Joe Stubbs was in Cape Girardeau Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer and children spent Sunday in Charleston.

Miss Elsa Reese of St. Louis is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. S. Corzine.

Mrs. James Kevil entertained a number of friends at Bridge Wednesday.

Misses Helen Grojean and Ruby Evans visited in Charleston Tuesday night.

Mrs. Earl Pate will be hostess to the Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club this week.

Mrs. Charles Prow will entertain the Menalntik Bridge Club Friday afternoon.

E. A. Bandy is attending a business meeting of the Pierce Petroleum Corporation at St. Louis.

Mrs. Wayman Luten of Union City, Tenn. and Mrs. Joe Howlett of Charleston were visitors here Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Skillman and Mrs. Frank Van Horne left Wednesday night for a few days in St. Louis.

Mrs. Florence Marshall, Mrs. W. S. Smith, Miss Kate Austin and Ben F. Marshall drove to Cape Girardeau Thursday.

Mrs. M. G. Gresham reports an interesting case of bees, which swarmed in her yard this week. The bees hived themselves in a hive left from last year.

Mrs. Moore Greer entertained at dinner Tuesday night for Misses Lucy Godsey, Frances Caldwell, Irene Loenneke, Adilda McCord, Susan Hay and Ruth Wilkerson.

Miss Vanita Gockel, of Jackson, who has been the guest of Miss Hyacinth Sheppard, left Tuesday morning for Poplar Bluff and Puxico, before returning to her home.

Some tire expert with nimble fingers took the best tire off of Miss Susan Hay's coupe Tuesday night while it was parked in front of G. M. Greer's home. A wrench from one of Mr. Greer's cars, which stood nearby, was used to remove the tire. The extra tire was not bothered, so the thief evidently knew exactly what he wanted. Miss Hay did not discover her loss until she had started the motor and was ready to drive home.

COLORED SCHOOL HOLDS EXERCISES THIS WEEK

Mrs. C. A. Curry has announced the program for the colored school commencement from May 17-22. The introductory sermon will be given by the Rev. R. J. Johnson at 2:30 Sunday at the colored Baptist Church.

Wednesday and Wednesday night an exhibit of industrial, literary and domestic art work at the school building. Thursday night, the grades will give a special program, a play entitled "All A Mistake".

On Friday night, the students will give a drama in four acts, "The Dust of the Earth". The cast of characters is as follows:

David Moore, of Maple Farm Cottage Walter Griffin
Susan Moore, his wife Roberta Randolph
Elizabeth, their daughter Lucy Taylor

Jerry, their son Daniel Curry
Rev. Dr. Templeton, a young divine George Russell

Miss Arbella, the village newspaper Bessie Hunter
John Ryder, the young master of the Maples C. J. Dixon

Wandering Tom, a mystery C. C. Lytch
Old Mose, his companion Eddie Smith

Nell, "The Dust of the Earth" Mahalia Brown

Synopsis—Wandering Tom, who is a mystery to all, through the identity of Nell's locket and dress which was once worn by Nell's deceased mother, regains consciousness after being in a semi-conscious state for more than eighteen years as a result of a fall which he received while mountain climbing in Switzerland. Through constant association with Nell, who was considered by her uncle David's wife and his daughter, Elizabeth, as The Dust of the Earth, Wandering Tom recognizes that he is the long lost Thomas Osbourne, the father of Nell and the original owner of the Mapes estate. John Ryder, the heir, becomes a pauper in a day and Nell becomes rich.

Walter Clymer and Gord Dill visited at Vienna, Ill., Thursday of last week and called to see their old teacher that they went to 26 years ago. Gord reports the visit a very pleasant one, but wondered if the old teacher remembered the many whippings he gave to both he and Clymer.

TO START WORK ON SPORTSMAN'S PARK

Fifty men under the supervision of the Conn Construction Co., of Charleston will start to work Monday on the buildings for the Sportman's Park Association grounds about 3/4 mile east of Sikeston. Building materials have been hauled on the grounds this week. An open air theatre and dancing pavillion 60x120 feet, refreshment stands and a bath house are to be built this season.

The Park, which is being opened about June 12, is planned and owned by a company of Cairo and St. Louis men, C. B. Watson being the only Sikeston man in the firm. The site is that of the old tile factory and contains about eight acres.

On the grounds is a lake of about an acre and three-quarters. In some places this lake is 20 feet deep, being fed by underground streams. There is a sand beach of 150 feet and a wharf will be built for boats to be rented.

The company intends to make a specialty of school and church picnic crowds. The park will be open about five months of the year. Over \$30,000 will be spent in all. Next year the company will have more time to improve the grounds. They intend to put out more shade this fall.

A bonded officer will be on the grounds at all times and strict order will be kept. Mr. Watson, who is the local representative of the firm, has had much experience in the amusement business, having at one time been connected with the Delmar Gardens in St. Louis.

MILLER BUILDING TO BE STARTED MONDAY

John Miller, contractor of Illmo, will start work Monday on the two-story hotel building which he is to erect on Kingshighway next to the Stubbs Motor Co. Mr. Miller will bring his construction outfit from some town in Illinois.

The building is to be brick, two-story, 100x120 feet. The lower floor is to be used for store buildings and the office and lobby of a 50-room hotel.

Mrs. T. A. Slack returned Sunday from a month's visit with her parents at Venita, Okla.

MISSOURI LIVESTOCK DEATH RATE LOWER

Jefferson City, May 13.—Missouri livestock conditions are much better this spring than a year ago, with a strong decrease in losses from disease and exposure, according to Dr. Homer A. Wilson, State veterinarian. The May condition of all classifications of stock is pleasing, he said, due to unusually good pastures and the absence of serious outbreaks of disease.

The average losses per thousand of horses and mules for the last year were only 10 head, as against 13 at this period last year, reports show. The mortality among cattle, due to disease, has decreased from 16 to 12 head per thousand in the last twelve months, while losses from exposure has dropped from eight to six.

The ravages of hog cholera has killed only 21 head per thousand during the last year, while a year ago reports showed losses of 43 head per thousand. Mortality among hogs due to all classes of diseases has dropped from 33 to 24 head.

ANITA STEWART IN BIG FILM

In "Baree, Son of Kazan", which comes to The Grand Theatre on next Monday and Tuesday, Anita Stewart makes her debut as a Vitagraph star, and she has the support of a superior cast. Two well known players in the production had also roles in Vitagraph's adaptation of Rafael Sabatini's "Captain Blood", and before that in several other pictures produced by David Smith, who made also this one.

Joseph Rickson, who appears in "Baree, Son of Kazan", as Pierrot, father of Nepeese, the French-Indian girl impersonated by Miss Stewart, was Hagthorpe, the chief gunner, in "Captain Blood". Of other Vitagraph attractions, he played the sheriff in "Pioneer Trails", and Tom Chavis in "The Code of the Wilderness".

He had important roles, too, in "The Border Patrol", with Harry Carey, and "The Riders of the Purple Sage", with Tom Mix.

Jack Curtiss, remembered for his impressive work as Wolverstone, the mutinous buccaneer in "Captain Blood", has the heavy role, that of McTaggart, the post factor, in "Baree". He had important parts in such earlier Vitagraph productions as "The Courage of Marge O'Doone".

Donald Keith, everywhere recognized as one of the coming men of the screen, and already commanding a large following, appears as James Carvell, who figures in the romance with Nepeese. Mr. Keith played with Miss Stewart once before. He also had a conspicuous part in "Secrets" with Norma Talmadge.

James O'Neil impersonate Tubo, the old Indian who rescues Nepeese from the icy river in one of the most moving episodes. He has attracted much favorable attention in recent years as the interpreter of Indian roles.

GIRLS GIVE HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER FOR MISS McCORD

Misses Virginia McCary and Camille Bloomfield held a surprise handkerchief shower for Miss Adilda McCord at 3:30 Thursday afternoon at Miss McCary's home on William St. About twenty-five girls presented Miss McCord with gifts in behalf of their appreciation of her work here as teacher. The invited guests were: Lois Haw Tanner, Ann Beck, Maxine Finley, Virginia Mount, Ruth Inez Felker, Imogene Albritton, Rose Nell Stephens, Lola Lydy, Mary Stepp, Ilean Beck, Virginia Crain, Rebecca Baker, Hazel Lumsden, Elizabeth Patterson, Mildred Ables, Edith Becker, Vernetta Smith, Marcella Jennings, Audrey Reiss, Bernice Lee, Florence Withrow, Virginia Milem, Anna Ryan and Jessie Carr.

WOMEN TO HAVE FAT-SLIM BASEBALL CONTEST

Next Wednesday afternoon Sikeston will enjoy a very novel exhibition in baseball playing, when the Fat-Slim contest between local women will be played at the Fair Grounds. The game, which ought to provide a side-splitting laugh, is being put on by the Russell-Bradley Society. Tickets will be on sale soon and the line-up will be announced in a later edition.

The home runs smoothly that buys at Patterson-Inman's.

Miss Lillian Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shields, has been given an honor in the May Queen Festival at Christian College, which takes place this month. Miss Shields will sing one of the solos of welcome to the Queen.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and acquaintances in Sikeston for their many kindnesses and the beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our father, John H. Davis. Pat Davis and family Grady Davis

Staple and fancy groceries at Patterson-Inman's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lawrence spent the past week-end in Blytheville, Ark.

Mrs. F. A. Denton and Miss Alfredda Denton went to St. Louis Saturday, Mrs. Denton remaining for an extended visit with her aunt.

Green Greer, G. M. Greer, Frank Van Horne, Joe Stubbs, L. M. Stallcup and C. F. McMullin attended court at Jackson this week.

C. C. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Buchanan and son Bryan, spent Saturday and Sunday in Metropolis, Ill., at the Vaughn Singing Convention.

Canned goods, fresh groceries and meats at Patterson-Inman's.

Dr. B. F. Blanton has purchased 10 1/2 feet of ground from the north side of the E. J. Keith place on North Ranney St. In making improvements to his residence the past summer, Dr. Blanton's house was brought close to the strip of ground purchased and now he has ample yard room on that side of his house. The price paid was \$250.00.

Drive down Malone Avenue and buy at Patterson-Inman's.

BUYS FIREWORKS FOR WHIZ BANG CELEBRATION

John A. Young, director of the Southeast Missouri Fair Association, and chairman of the fireworks committee, has recently purchased the largest fireworks display ever shown in this section for the Whiz Bang celebration here July 3 and 4. Last year the committee bought a \$100 display, this year \$400 has been invested.

Charles L. Blanton, Jr., is now receiving bids for concession space for the third annual Whiz Bang celebration. J. C. Simpson, general representative of the D. D. Murphy Shows, was in Sikeston Wednesday and contracted with the Fair Association to bring his company here September 30, October 1-3 for the 20th Fair of this Association.

The Murphy Shows is the second largest carnival in the United States. It carries seventeen paid attractions, nine riding devices, two uniformed bands, five free acts and fifty concessions.

SIKESTON MARKET REPORT QUOTED THURSDAY, MAY 14

No. 2 red wheat\$1.70
No. 2 yellow corn1.03
No. 2 white corn1.01
No. 2 mixed corn1.00
Butter, per lb.35
Eggs, per doz.25

Blue Label canned goods at Patterson-Inman's.

Mrs. N. B. Augelo and son of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Davis and Miss Vesta Corzine, of Anna Ill. spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Corzine.

Mrs. Lyman Bowman and Mrs. Mildred Bowman returned Wednesday from Fulton, Mo., where they visited Jack and Bill Bowman, who are students at Westminster College.

BAND PLAYS TO GOOD CROWD AT BENEFIT SHOW

A good crowd attended the benefit show for the Sikeston Band at the Malone Theatre Wednesday night. The band, which plans to start its summer concerts in the Malone Park the latter part of this month, showed excellent training in playing five or six selections at the benefit.

The band of about 20 pieces, directed by E. F. Williams, gave a short concert outside the theatre early in the evening. The program inside the theatre consisted of two numbers, a waltz "Olive" and a fox trot, "Kentucky Bungalow". The band's part of the proceeds will be used to buy summer uniforms.

Mrs. Green Lescher sang Wednesday night, also. All of the music met with applause from an appreciative audience.

Mrs. Carl Freeman was in Cape Girardeau Wednesday. A trip to town on Saturday is not complete unless you visit Patterson-Inman's.

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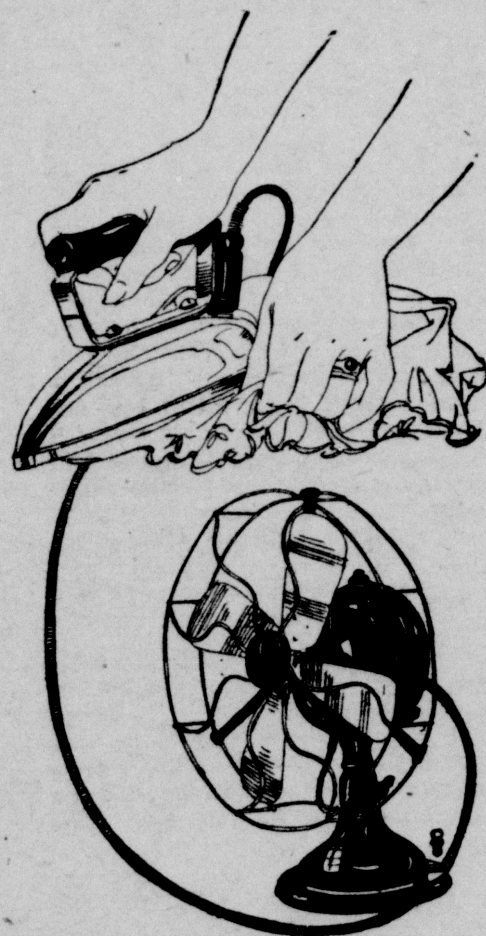
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Arabian Dancing Girls

"The Arabian dancing girls," a traveler explains, "are born to their profession. Many of them had dancing mothers. Others are dedicated to the profession by their mothers when they are but babies. While there are no dancing schools, these children practice continually, imitating from earliest childhood the steps and movements of the dancers, until they are highly skilled in it themselves."

"Unlike the other Arab women, these dancing girls appear with their faces uncovered. They wear heavy and voluminous skirts, like old-fashioned European dresses. They are frequently very plain, decorated only by the bangles and chains. While the girls are no more beautiful than other girls, they have exceeding charm, which makes them very delightful."

Greeks and Paint

The Greeks recognized the value of paint as a preservative and made use of something akin to it on their ships. Pliny writes of the mode of boiling wax and painting ships with it, after which, he continues, "neither the sea, nor the wind, nor the sun can destroy the wood thus protected."

The Romans, being essentially a warlike people, never brought the decoration of buildings to the high point it had reached with the Greeks. For all that the ruins of Pompeii show many structures whose mural decorations are in fair shape today. The colors used were glaring; a black background was the usual one, and the combinations worked thereon were red, yellow and blue.

Dollar Courtship

John McBeth had secured a license to marry Mary Manning, but the intended bride changed her mind, and six weeks later John made his second appearance in the clerk's office.

"Misther Johnson, in February I got a license from you to marry Mary Manning, an' I deen't marry her. An' now, please your honor, would ye be so good as to alter it so it would fit Ellen McWatty?"

"No, you must get a new license to fit Ellen."

"And pay for it?"

"Certainly."

"Ah, mon, I'm ruined entirely. Fur I just courted Ellen to save the dollar."—Youth's Companion.

Had Them All Beaten

Three elders of a Glasgow kirk fell to discussing the merits of the sermons of their minister.

"He's wonderful," said the senior. "I mind him preachin' three sairmons frae one text."

"But that's naething tae auld Thomas," said another. "I mind him preachin' six sairmons frae the shortest text in the Book."

"Ch," said the third man, puffing slowly and thoughtfully at his pipe, "that's naething tae ma wife. She's been preachin' at me for 20 years frae nae text at a'."

Cabmen's Patron Saint

Saint Flacre is the patron of Parisian cabbies. He was an Irishman of the Seventh century when though Ireland was Christian most of Europe was barbarian. He was granted an estate at Breuil, in France—as much land as he might surround in one day with a furrow. Legend says that he used a crozier to cut the furrow. It was by a roundabout way that the saint gave his name to the French cab. A famous hotel in Paris adopted the monk as its patron saint, and it was at the sign of Saint Flacre that the first of these vehicles began plying for hire.—Family Herald.

The Shot Direct

Mr. Boom and Mr. Steady were business enemies, but chance had placed them on the same board of directors.

One day, after a meeting, Mr. Boom was holding forth.

"There are hundreds of ways of making money," he said, provocatively. "Yes," put in Mr. Steady, "but only one honest way."

"What way's that?" asked Mr. Boom, sharply.

"Ah!" retorted Mr. Steady. "I thought you wouldn't know it!"

In Burma, girls cannot enter society until they wear ear plugs.

Motor vehicles on the English roads now number 20,000 more than twelve months ago. The total number is 1,269,606.

Starting work in 1876, Margaret McGurn has been employed continuously ever since by the Marshall Field store in Chicago.

The first wedding ceremony officially performed in England or Wales by a woman recently took place at a London register office.

Somebody at the postoffice today was discussing the children of Jefferson Potlocks, and remarked that while Jeff's next to the youngest boy was too fat, he might shrink some when washed.

EXCURSIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

The Conclusion of the Matter

I COULD not intelligently bring this series of papers to a close without forming a few generalizations for the purpose of helping those whose excursions in correspondence have been less extensive than my own.

I have come to see that letters may have as distinct a personality as human beings, or perhaps it would be better to say that they are capable of revealing a personality. When you take the envelope into your hand, even before you open the letter, if you are a keen observer, you can gain some idea of the character of the man who has written the letter, especially if the letter is written in long hand. The form and dress of a letter may tell as much about the writer as do the dress and the manners of an individual. A letter, by its form, may show orderliness, judgment, regard for detail, business efficiency, or it may show the opposite.

A friend of mine is being considered for a prominent executive position, for the filling of which, he is in many ways qualified. The character of his mind is shown to no small degree by his exterior, and by the character of his dress—the envelope, as it were. His hands are not always neatly kept, his hair is a mop of tangled grass, his clothes are soiled, and look as if he went to bed with his boots on. He is a little careless in speech and thought, a little lacking in the delicate refinements of social intercourse. His exterior reveals that at once, and so a letter may reveal its writer.

I had a letter this morning from a man who wishes to become the pastor of the church of which I am a member. It was badly arranged, without order or form. It looked like a young school boy's composition. I wondered if it did not show to a great extent the character of the man's mind, and suggest the way in which his sermons would be ordered.

Form counts in letter writing, as in human relationships; materials reveal the man, just as clothing does.

Letter writing is something more than the mere communication of facts and mechanical details by written characters from one individual to another. It is even in the most trivial business letter, or it may be, the revealing of one personality to another. We should write letters with the purpose of selling one's products to the other man. These may be varied in character—automobiles, love, oil stock, friendship, groceries, bonds, sympathy, appreciation—whatever it may be. Sometimes our only purpose is to be understood, sometimes we want to influence the judgment or the will, at others to develop interest, and arouse emotion, and to persuade.

I had a beautiful letter from a boy this morning. I had helped him a good deal; I had dragged him back once or twice from intellectual and moral failure, and he was now climbing up slowly, but surely, to success. What he wanted to show me in his letter was gratitude, appreciation. He wanted to make it clear to me that he understood what I had been trying to do for him, and that he would never forget it, and he did the job very well.

There was another letter from a man who wanted to sell me my winter's supply of coal. His was a very specific letter, logical and direct. It was made up of figures, of statistics, of relative prices, of the results of chemical analysis, with a final emphasis on the importance of making the deal quickly, and taking advantage of the market. He got off onto no by-roads, he was guilty of no flight of imagination, he had in mind the one object of selling me coal, and he stuck to that religiously. Unfortunately I had already bought my coal, or I am sure his logic would have won my trade.

To write the best letter, one must know his man, and must study what will most strongly appeal to him, and so the best letter is always a personal one. If I write to you the same letter that I send to a thousand other people, it will be like a proprietary medicine concocted to do something for every malady, but there will be little that is personal in it. There will be a large mortality in the lists of those to whom the stock letter is sent.

There are infinite possibilities in the writing of letters—in doing business, in forming friendships and keeping them, in influencing character, in revealing personality. It is an art that can be learned, but the learning will require close observation, care, the exercise of judgment and good taste. It will require a knowledge of the individual and application of that knowledge to the individual, but when once learned it is one of the most valuable assets that a man can have.

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The Last Straw

Some time ago a railroad was under construction in one of the rural districts of Nova Scotia. It was decided that fences be built on each side of the track to protect the farmers' cattle, the railroad and farmers to share equally in the cost. One of the farmers stoutly refused to pay his share until one day a neighbor remarked: "I hear these train engines are going to have cow catchers." That settled it. "They're not going to get my cows if I know it." So saying the old man hurried home, counted out his portion and sent it to the railroad company.—*Forbes Magazine.*

Maggie and the Will

By VERA M. JONES

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MAGGIE FLANNERY'S anxious gaze was turned on the little man in gray kneeling before the bookcase.

"I can assure you, my good woman," he was saying, "that our firm, as administrators, will see that justice is done you, whether your late mistress' will is found or not. You can file claim for unpaid wages, you know."

"If she can prove she has not already drawn them," Peter Hines broke in from the desk over which he was bending.

"Or that Sarah Baldwin didn't think she had done enough in giving Maggie a home in exchange for her services," Sophy, his wife, supplemented. "Sarah was not fond of spending, you know! Why—the way she treated Peter—her only relative—never a penny!"

Maggie Flannery sank back in her chair, the lassitude of her hopelessness marking every line of her worn face and frail body.

The search continued in silence. The room, a bedchamber, was in a state of upheaval; drawers thrown open and contents jumbled; books from the case piled on the floor; the wardrobe stripped, the garments heaped on the old four-poster.

Then, as Sophy pushed the last of the dresser drawers she had been examining, she drew close to her husband, whispering: "Cheer up, Peter! Suppose a will does turn up! It may only give Maggie her wages, after all, and make her heir!"

Peter gave her a warning nudge. "Not a chance!" he breathed. "You know the old skintint always warned me Maggie was to be her sole beneficiary at death. My one hope is—since the document wasn't filed—that I get my hands on it first. I won't rest until I do!"

But finally Peter did, sinking down on the bed and lighting a cigarette. Accidentally the flaming match fell on the garments beside him. In snuffing it out he suddenly laughed.

"Sarah not fond of spending!" he quoted his wife. "Well, if this is a sample of my aunt's wardrobe, I think we must agree she wasn't!"

At the sneering tone the old woman roused herself: "Miss Sarah liked her old things best. She always said: 'Old clothes, like old friends.'"

"Maggie!" broke in Sophy, "don't be impertinent."

"Let her be, Sophy. It's edifying to hear these reminiscences! This now"—and Peter mockingly picked up an old dressing gown—"this, Maggie, judging from its ancient appearance, was treasured as a life-long friend, eh!"

Just then the little man in gray turned from replacing the last book in the case; and just as suddenly Peter jumped to his feet.

"But let's end it! What say you, Mr. Dowling? I think you're convinced we've searched thoroughly."

"There's certainly no evidence of a document," Mr. Dowling admitted. He gazed at Maggie Flannery.

Peter Hines turned to the lawyer: "I'll tell you, Mr. Dowling, what I think the explanation is: My aunt intended for me to come into the money this way! You see—during her life—

time she—well, she acted anything but like a wealthy woman should toward her only relative. Remorse for that, no doubt, when death drew near, filled her with a desire to make amends. But she was a proud woman; wouldn't want me to know. So—by dying intestate—you see—restitution, without humbling her pride—"

Then a sudden thought came to Sophy. Quickly she grabbed up the old dressing gown, after a swift glance convinced her it was the most dilapidated of the garments. "Here, Maggie, is that robe of Miss Sarah's; that ought to make a grand keepsake—since you loved her so well! Take it, and go. And don't come back here again, or I'll have you arrested for false pretenses—claiming wages we don't owe you! Go now!" Without further ado Sophy took hold of the dazed old woman and thrust her down the back stairway.

Shortly after Peter returned. His manner gave portent of mystery.

"You get rid of her?"

Sophy smiled. "Yes; and I gave her that old dressing gown."

Peter started, then staggered toward a chair. "My God!" he gasped. "Then you gave her the will!"

"Peter!" chided Sophy, wild-eyed. "You're crazy!"

Her husband wagged a tortured hand. "You did, I tell you! When I picked up that old gown on the bed I suddenly noticed a paper sticking out of the pocket. On it was plainly written: 'Last will and testament of Sarah Baldwin.' I was just going to grab it and thrust it in my pocket when Dowling happened to look up and start toward me. So the only thing I could do was push it back in its place until I got rid of him and Maggie. I knew that if they saw it the jig was up! He'd claim a big fee for finding it—and she'd claim everything legally—And good God, that's what she'll do, now that she has the will!"

Identification

"Is Mrs. Rise at home?" inquired Mrs. Chatters, standing in the shadow of the doorway.

"I don't know, ma'am," the new maid replied. "I can't tell till I get a better look at you. If you've got a wart on the side of your nose, she's out."

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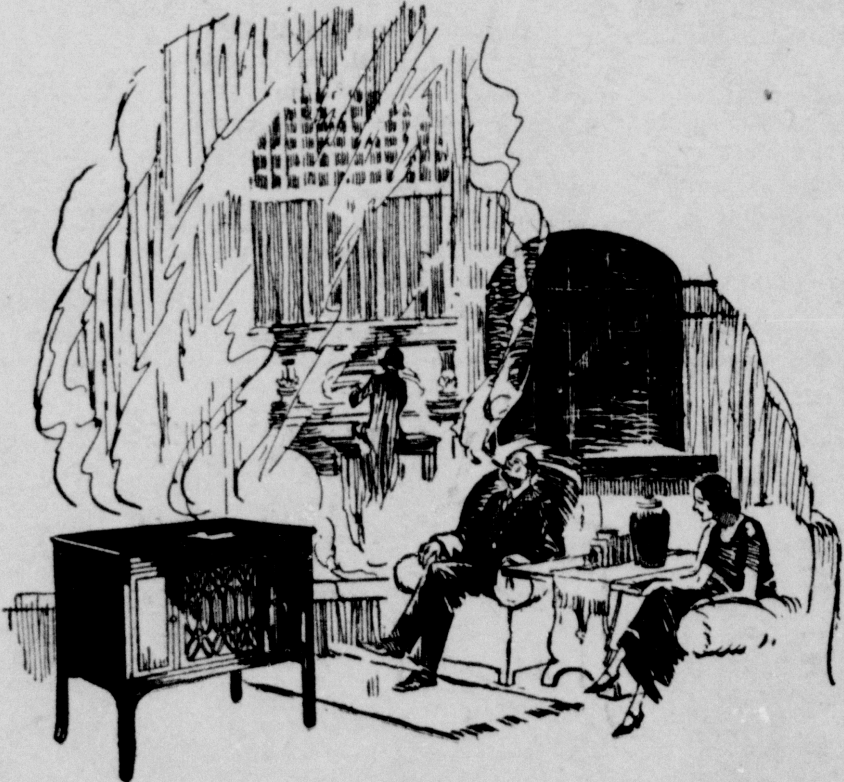
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ACT I.

SCENE—The living hall of the Baxter home. Noon, on a June day.

ACT II.

SCENE 1—Same as Act I—evening. About two weeks after Act I.
SCENE 2—The porch of the Parcher house.

ACT III.

SCENE—The hall in the Baxter house. It is evening, about mid-August.

ACT IV.

SCENE 1—The Parcher porch.
SCENE 2—Party in full swing.

MAY 20, 1925

FARM BUREAU NEWS FROM NEW MADRID

Don't Lose Your Wife

In the May 16 edition of the Country Gentlemen, the Editor makes mention of a Pennsylvania woman who left her husband who would not keep a cow on the farm. Of course, this act was in itself extreme and quite likely had other justifiable circumstances to back it up. However, farmers should realize that one of the chief advantages of farm life is the opportunity that it offers for the farm family to live well. If the farmer does not take advantage of the opportunity to live well, then farm life becomes a drudgery and no women or children like a life of drudgery without any bright spots. Most of the so-called advantages of modern conveniences to be had in the city can be more than offset by good living and good health of country life. Some of the things essential to a comfortable life in the country are milk cows, home cured meat, a year round garden, fruit trees and chickens. Keep these things on your farm and keep your family happy.

Four Cotton Demonstrations Established

S. G. Hull of Risco, Geo. M. Meier and Soldan Gee of Parma and Tom Melton of Canalou have laid off plots and established a cotton demonstration. Mr. Hull's will be in the nature of a fertilizer demonstration using a complete fertilizer, straight acid phosphate and a plot with no fertilizer. Geo. M. Meier will have a similar demonstration. Tom Melton and Soldan Gee will have spacing demonstrations, comparing thick spacing with wide spacing. These men will handle the demonstrations according to best practices as have been advocated by the Extension Service thru the County Farm Agent.

Morehouse Farmer to Have Soybean Demonstration

Paul H. Teal of Morehouse is putting on a soybean demonstration. The variety which Mr. Teal is using for the demonstration is the Virginia. This variety is one of the best yielders of extreme fine grade and is also a good yielder of seed. Mr. Teal is

also trying out several other varieties, although these are not included in the demonstration. The other varieties are the Loreda, the chief characteristic of which is its ability to produce well on lands that are too low and seepy to be safe for cotton and corn, the Wilson, which is also a very fine yielder of hay, adapted to a somewhat heavier soil than the Virginia, and the Midwest which is used a good deal in corn that is to be hogged down or pastured.

R. G. Giroud of Matthews called at the office last week to purchase some hog serum. Lawrence Hahn of Portageville was a visitor at the Farm Bureau last week. Mr. Hahn wished to know where Loreda soybeans could be obtained.

Chas. Barnes of Marston paid us a social call last week. Jere Cavenno of Canalou was in to see us last week to get repairs for his vaccinating outfit. John J. Klippel of Portageville was also a visitor at the office last week.

CAIRO PHYSICIAN AMONG 300 TO SEE HOSPITALS ABROAD

One of the most ambitious trips ever taken by a party of American physicians and surgeons, and one which gives them a chance of a lifetime will be taken this summer, when 300 doctors will visit Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Italy, under the auspices of the Tri-State Medical Society. Dr. J. E. Woelfle of Cairo is one of three Southern Illinois physicians who will make the trip. In the party will be some of the foremost surgeons of the country including the Drs. Mayo.

The start begins at Chicago on May 17th, and the first stop will be at Toronto, where two days will be spent in attending clinics at the university. A day at Ottawa and two at Montreal will follow, and the party will sail on May 23d from Montreal on the White Star line steamer Doric. Arriving at Liverpool on June 1, a week will be spent in attending clinics at the 35 hospitals in London, followed by visits to Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Crossing the channel, a stay from June 21 to 27 will be made at Paris then the tour will take in Lyons, Stuttgart, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and Genoa, returning to Paris on July 13 and embarking for the return trip home on the 15th. There will be clinics every day except Saturday and Sunday, which will be given over to sight seeing. The clinics will be held from 8 to 4, and in the evening there will be social functions. One of these will be a reception held by Lady Astor on June 16th.

The trip will be a great opportunity to see the world's most famous surgeons at work and to learn from them first hand what they have found in regard to medical practice. At the same time it will give a chance to see the interesting place in the leading countries of Europe.—Cairo Evening Citizen.

Dr. Woelfle is well-known in Sikeston, having treated a number of patients from here.

Though she is past 81 years of age, Mrs. A. T. Herrmann of San Jose, Cal., has just taken up golf.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mother's and Children's Day will be celebrated jointly here Sunday, May 24. There will be an all day program, with dinner on the ground. A most enjoyable time is expected. Come and help to make it that way. We were very sorry that we could not observe Mother's Day the day that was set aside, May 10, but under the circumstances it was impossible. On the 24th day of May it will be observed. Everybody is extended an invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and little daughter and Miss Frankie Deane of New Madrid visited Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane, Sunday.

Mrs. L. F. Swartz shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. John Ridge motored to ay, Ark., Saturday, where they went to visit with relatives.

M. R. Davis and G. F. Deane went to New Madrid Saturday on business. Mrs. Maggie Hunott and son Gobel Owings, of near La Forge, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. Russell Stone spent the week-end in Sikeston visiting with her husband and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Latimer motored to Marston Thursday evening to visit relatives.

Mr. Harris of Gideon was a Matthews visitor, Friday.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and mother, Mrs. Moore were Sikeston visitors, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rub Bornhart and son Mrs. Amanda Long and children motored to New Madrid Friday evening to attend the high school play.

Miss Ida Vicksler and Paul Caruthers attended the show in Sikeston on last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby motored to New Madrid Saturday on business.

Mrs. Bess Fulkerson and Miss Addie James of Sikeston spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Thos. Holderby attended the Missionary meeting in New Madrid last Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blair.

Attorneys M. G. Gresham and H. C. Blanton and G. A. Dempster of Sikeston attended to business in Matthews, Saturday.

Misses Mabel Meekle and Alice Deane and Mrs. L. F. Swartz, teachers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades, will give a flower cantata in the auditorium Friday evening, May 15th. Everyone is invited.

The commencement exercises will be held Saturday evening. They were put off until Saturday in order to have our county superintendent, P. J. Stearns, with us.

J. A. Davis and father of Greenville were here to witness the wedding of their son and brother, M. R. Davis, which took place Sunday night. Miss Dorothy Waters and Bert Gentry motored to Sikeston Saturday to attend the show.

Mrs. Frank Ratcliff, who has been at Mt. Vernon, Mo., the past few months for her health, came home Friday for a visit with her husband and little daughters and other relatives. Mrs. Ratcliff's many friends are very glad to see her so improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smotherman of St. Louis arrived in Matthews Saturday on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill and other relatives.

Mrs. Menda Atchley and daughter, Miss Virgie and Mrs. Thos. Holderby visited with friends in Big Opening, Sunday.

Mrs. Loy Roberts of St. Louis is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGee.

Misses Evelyn Brooke and Marie Bolton of Parma attended the wedding of Mr. M. R. Davis and Miss Wynette Caruthers here, Sunday evening.

The marriage of Mr. Milus R. Davis and Miss Dolly Wynette Caruthers was solemnized at the Methodist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Johnson, pastor. The attendants were Wm. H. Deane, Jr., and Miss Elvira Brooks.

The bride was most beautifully gowned in white satin and duchess lace. The bridesmaid wore blue crepe de chine, with a large picture hat.

The largest crowd that has ever been in Matthews witnessed the wedding ceremony Sunday evening, showing in what honor this young couple held in this community. Mr. Davis is the superintendent of the high school and has made many friends here. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caruthers, prominent farmers here. Mrs. Davis has a host of friends in this city, who extend hearty congratulations for a long and happy married life. They are at the Hotel Franklin until school closes, when they will leave for Cape Girardeau, where Mr. Davis will enter school.

Several friends from Canalou, Pharris Ridge, Kewanee, Parma, New Madrid and Sikeston were here to witness the wedding.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Miss Sue Shelby returned from Mt. Vernon, Mo., where she has been in the State Sanatorium for her health. She is reported much improved.

J. R. Grabenhorst, President of the Bank of Canalou, spent Saturday in New Madrid on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud returned last Friday from Terra Haute, Ind., where they were called by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. B. M. Jones.

Mrs. Floyd S. Hummel and children left Tuesday for their home in St. Louis, after several weeks visit with relatives and friends in New Madrid.

Mrs. H. C. Riley, Jr., was hostess to a number of her friends at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Bock, last Thursday afternoon on Scott Street. Ten tables of guests enjoyed playing Bridge, with Mrs. June St. Mary winning first prize, a silver mesh bag, and Mrs. F. M. Robbins made the next best score and received an orchid necklace, while the consolation prize went to Mrs. Amos Riley. After the game, a very dainty salad luncheon was served. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. O. W. McCutcheon of Sikeston, Mesdames L. D. Marlowe, C. W. Stevenson, R. E. Wiley and Amos Riley, of Libbourn, Mesdames Wm. Prehn, C. V. Hanson and Miss Beryl Hamilton of St. Louis and Miss Margaret Moore of Charleston.

Mrs. H. C. Hunter was hostess to a number of her friends last Saturday afternoon with four tables of Bridge, at her home on North Main, complimentary to Mesdames C. V. Hansen and Wm. Prehn of St. Louis. The house was elaborately and tastefully decorated with pink and white roses, for the guests, who spent the time in playing Bridge, with Mrs. R. L. Simmons carrying off the honors of the prize, an embroidered sheet, while Mrs. Hansen won first guest's prize, an embroidered towel, and Mrs. Prehn winning second guest's prize, a set of table markers. A delicious two-course luncheon concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mesdames Adelia Newsum, Eddy Phillips, H. C. Hunter, A. L. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Mann and two little nieces, Kathryn and Adell Newsum, and Misses Lady Lewis and Marie Hunter of this city and Mesdames C. V. Hansen of St. Louis spent Saturday afternoon in Sikeston.

Mrs. A. L. Phillips entertained the following friends honoring Mesdames C. V. Hansen and Mrs. Wm. Prehn of St. Louis, with a line party at the Dixie Theatre last Friday evening, who afterwards enjoyed the remainder of the evening at her home with dainty refreshments. The guests besides the honorees, were: Mesdames H. C. Hunter, Eddy Phillips, J. C. St. Mary, H. C. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Cook and little daughter, Esther Selma, of Baltimore, Md., arrived Sunday for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Cook of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann, Luke B. Dawson and Miss Columbe Dawson motored to St. Louis, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dalton and Miss Carlyn of Malden visited relatives in New Madrid Sunday. Returning home they were accompanied by Miss Mildred Lewis.

Henry Miller of Johannesburg, S. Africa, was a visitor of G. Manne of this city last week.

At a recent meeting of the New

Madrid School Board, the following teachers were elected: R. E. Smith, Marshall, Mo., Superintendent; Louis Woodyard, Principal; Miss Garnett Claypool, Newark, Mo.; Miss Ernestine Ernst, Wm. W. Cornell, Morehouse; Miss Esther Knott, New Madrid; Mrs. J. M. Massengill, New Madrid; Miss Mildred Koch, Miss Lela Peterson, Albany, Mo. Mr. Cornell played center on the football team and was captain of the baseball team at Cape Girardeau this last season.

Rev. Thos. B. Mather, pastor of the Methodist church at Sikeston, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the Senior class at the auditorium of the public school last Sunday morning to a large and appreciative audience.

The two plays, "Les Precieuses Ridicules" and "Spreading the News" staged at the public school Friday of last week by the Senior Class, was a decided success and was much credit to the pupils and teachers as well. About \$145 was realized.

FRANK C. STOKES SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Columbia, May 11.—Frank C. Stokes was formally sentenced to serve five years in the State Penitentiary by Judge Ernest C. Gantt here this afternoon. Stokes received his sentence in a stoical manner. It had been agreed between the State Attorney and the defendants' attorneys that the other 6 cases were to be dismissed after Stokes received a three year sentence on one charge and a two year sentence on another.

When Judge Gantt asked what disposal was to be made of the other cases, Prosecuting Attorney Faucett surprised the defendants' attorneys by asking for a continuance in three of the remaining cases. This brought a private conference between the attorneys.

Faucett declared that he had heard rumors in Fulton that an effort was to be made to get Stokes out of prison on parole after he had served a part of his time. Senator Nick Cave declared that he had never heard such rumors.

Stokes' father and two brothers were in the court room. Senator Cave motioned them into an ante-room and there the State's Attorneys, defendant attorneys and relatives conferred.

When the attorneys returned to the bar Faucett agreed to dismiss the other six cases.

Stokes is a native of Southeast Missouri.

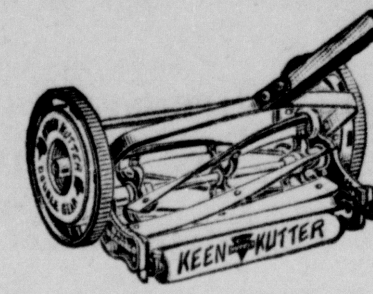
CHIEF OF "SERUM LITTLE" TO GO ON TRIAL AT LITTLE ROCK

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—E. Gartman, alleged chief of the Ripley County serum ring, was taken to St. Louis by a United States Deputy Marshal, en route to Little Rock, where he will be tried tomorrow in Federal Court on charges of using the mails to defraud. Gartman, who fell out of his bunk in county jail here several days ago, and suffered severe injuries, is much improved. He and nine others were indicted by the Federal grand jury at Cape Girardeau in connection with the use of serum in collecting insurance.

Chinese women are demanding a larger part in the affairs of their country.

A small spoonful of sugar added to the roast beef gravy, either in pot roast or oven roast, will give it a rich color as well as improve the flavor.

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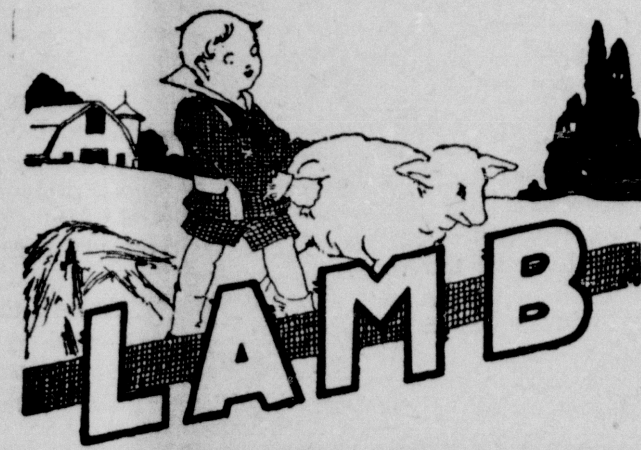
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FREE—With every Mirro cake pan in this special sale we will give a beautiful receipt booklet, "Food Surprises from the Mirro Test Kitchen." This booklet usually sells for 10c. You will be delighted with it.

Our stock is limited. Get your cake pan at once. Don't delay and miss this chance.

See These Pans in Our Windows Saturday



Lamb is a delicious meat, and it may be cooked in so many different ways. Appetizing chops for any meal, a wonderful stew or pot roast for dinner. Then there is Leg of Lamb, and so on down the list. If you haven't had lamb lately, or even if you have, serve it today in the way you like best.

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PURITY MARKET

YOUR GROCERIES

should always be selected with the greatest care. Be sure that you are getting an honest quality for the price you pay. Such service we are giving our patrons daily. Always something new and fresh in our Grocery Department.

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SUGAR CREEK CONTEST FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

There will be 10 separate contests, each one of the undersigned stores conducting a contest separate.

The farm scene displayed in the show windows is the prize. Each merchant will give to the boy or girl who brings to him the most empty used *Sugar Creek* cartons on

Monday, June 1

when the contest ends, the entire scene, animals and all.

Parents, you should help your children win these prizes, the neighbors will help. Save the cartons, count, tie them in a neat bundle and take to your groceryman on Monday, June 1. The prize will be given to the child bringing in the most. This contest is to further acquaint the people with

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the most wonderful creamery butter on the market. (EACH and every pound guaranteed unconditionally.)

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Glover Grocery

146 COMMODITIES

MADE OUT OF CORN

Washington, May 10.—One hundred and forty-six commodities are made out of corn, the Department of Agriculture reports. Some of the most prominent are: Shoe heels, chair cushions, cigarette holders, gun-powder, incense, punk, phonograph records, shaving soap, shoe horns, varnish and "white mule" (moonshine whisky), and face powder.

Chemists of the department have been working on the problem of utilizing waste products of this crop since 1918, and have discovered many uses that are commercially practicable.

Trustee's Sale

Default having been made for more than six months in payment of dues and interest secured by notes described in deeds of trust executed by D. H. Cloar, single and unmarried, one deed of trust dated April Twentieth, Nineteen Hundred Twenty and recorded on the Twenty-Seventh day of April, Nineteen Hundred Twenty, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 40, at page number 515; the other deed of trust dated February Twentieth, Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, and recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, on the Twenty-Sixth day of February, Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, in Book number 37, at page number 514; conveying to undersigned the following real estate and improvements thereon, in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lot number one (1), in block number four (4), in McCoy and Tanner's Ninth Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, said property being sometimes known and conveyed as McCoy and Tanner's Second Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, and also being sometimes known and conveyed as McCoy and Tanner's Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, and all improvements on above described property.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said notes and deeds of trust and the legal holder and owner of said notes and deeds of trust having declared the whole debts due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

Monday, June 8th, 1925, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. of said day, sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in the town or city of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debts and costs.

LEE B. EWING, Trustee.

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7TH CORPS AREA TO HAVE

3 CITIZENS' CAMPS IN AUGUST

Omaha, Nebr., May 14.—The United States Government will conduct three Citizens' Military Training Camps in the Seventh Corps Area from August 1 to 30. Young men between the ages of 17 and 31 are eligible of the highest moral character will be able to attend these camps. Only men accepted.

While these camps are called Citizens' Military Training Camps, the military feature is not by any means the chief end sought—but is simply a means to an end. The object of the camps is to bring together young men from all parts of the country on a common basis of equality, and by outdoor life and military training combined with expert athletic coaching (to develop young men physically, mentally and morally and by teaching them sound American principles make of them better American citizens.

No father or mother need fear that any attempt will be made to teach their sons militarism, for it is a fact that officers of the Army of the United States are more opposed to war and militarism than any body of men in this country.

While at the camps the morals of the young men are guarded to the limit of human possibility. Clean, wholesome, healthy amusements and sports are provided. Hostesses and chaplains of the Army are on duty at all of the camps and the opportunity is afforded every young man to attend the religious service of his choice.

These camps form the greatest schools of true, clean-cut Americanism that have ever been maintained in this country. Even Dr. Frank Crane, the most sincere and outspoken pacifist of the present day, has put the stamp of his unqualified endorsement on the Citizens' Military Training Camps in an article which has received the widest circulation in the press of this country.

Young men, here is a golden opportunity for a wonderful month of pleasure and profit at no expense to you or your parents—for the United States Government pays for your railroad fare to and from the camps, for your food, shelter, uniforms, laundry and medical and emergency dental attendance while at the camps.

Fathers and mothers, having the best interest of their boys at heart, will see that they attend one of these camps during this coming August and

when the boy comes home they will be astounded at his mental, moral and physical improvement.

For full information write to the Citizens' Military Training Camp Officer, Army Building, Omaha, Nebr.

INHERIT \$40,000 FROM

COUSIN IN NEW YORK

West Plains, Mo., May 12.—The Misses Lorraine and Anna Adams of this city are two of nineteen heirs who are to share in a \$40,000 estate left by Miss Clara A. Calkins, a cousin, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., and whom they have not seen since infancy. All nineteen of the heirs are cousins, Miss Calkins having no closer relatives. The Misses Adams are school teachers and the cousin from whom they inherit was a teacher in the Brooklyn public schools for over forty years.

M. E. CHURCH AT CLARKTON

BURNED SATURDAY NIGHT

The Methodist church at Clarkton, a frame building, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night, when it caught fire from the private garage owned by J. A. Northington, which was also destroyed. It is not known how the blaze started.

The church building had just been remodeled last week at a cost of \$250, being beaver-boarded on the interior, the roof repaired and a new coal house built. The building was valued at about \$2000.

YOUNG WOMAN ENDS LIFE

IN BLUFF JEWELRY STORE

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—An inquest was ordered today in the case of Miss Florence Brown, 26 years old, of Cairo, Ill., who ended her life with poison in a jewelry store here last night. August Winkler, owner of the store; Rolla Nicholson, Mrs. Maud Trout and Miss Nettie Joseph were held pending the inquest. The woman drank a poisonous solution used to clean jewelry.

TWENTY-ONE WILL GRADUATE

FROM BLOOMFIELD HIGH

Bloomfield, Mo., May 11.—Alma Siefert is valedictorian and Clarence Curneal is salutatorian at the high school graduating exercises to be held here Friday, May 15 when twenty-one students will be awarded diplomas of graduation from the high school.

MISSOURI FRUIT

PROMISES PLENTY

Jefferson City, May 11.—Prospects for the fruit crop in Missouri were not seriously injured by frosts early this month, and reports on the various crops show most of them are in better condition than at this time last year, it is stated in a bulletin issued today by E. A. Logan of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Jewell Mayes of the State Board of Agriculture.

The apple crop is 82 per cent the normal average, compared to 30 per cent at this time last year. The peach crop condition is 60 per cent, as against 40 last year, cherries and plums are reported at 77 per cent and strawberries at 96 per cent. The strawberry crop was damaged to some extent by frosts in local areas.

May condition of Missouri wheat is 89 per cent of normal, it was said, forecasting an average yield of 13.35 bushels an acre on the 2,312,000 acres to be harvested. The estimated total yield for Missouri is 30,865,000 bushels, compared to a yield of 24,589,000 bushels in 1924 from 1,924,000 acres.

The wheat came through the winter in better condition than expected following heavy sleet storms in December, the bulletin stated. Only 1.5 per cent of the 2,347,000 acres planted was abandoned, leaving 2,312,000 acres of wheat for the Missouri harvest. This abandonment is the smallest in several years.

Estimates on the national wheat crop place it at 444,833,000 bushels, against 590,037,000 bushels last year.

The bulletin states farm work is considerably more advanced than at this time last year. Plowing is 74 per cent completed, against 65 per cent last year, and spring planting 61 per cent completed against 55 per cent last year. The labor supply almost equals the demand, it was said except in scattered localities of the corn producers.

PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED

TO REFER COMPENSATION LAW

St. Louis, May 14.—Petitions to refer the Workmen's Compensation Law passed by the last General Assembly are being circulated throughout the State. Under the provisions of the initiative and referendum law, only five per cent of the voters in two-thirds of the sixteen Congressional Districts are required to sign these petitions to refer the Workmen's Compensation Law to the voters.

If the required signatures are obtained, the new law which would become effective July 9, would be made inactive until after the voters of Missouri sustain or reject the Workmen's Compensation Measure at the polls in November, 1926.

Paid solicitors who receive ten cents a name for obtaining signatures to the referendum petitions, are now at work in various sections of the State. Trade unionists affiliated with the Federation of Labor have been urged by their executives to refrain from signing these referendum petitions. R. T. Wood, President of the State Federation of Labor, who with his executive associates, has declared the Workmen's Compensation Law recently signed by Governor Sam A. Baker to be the most constructive piece of legislation that has been enacted in Missouri during the past twenty-five years, has, through the press of the State, urged all employees not to sign the petitions now being circulated.

The present Workmen's Compensation Law was sponsored by the Associated Industries of Missouri, and has the approval of the employers and of the Federation of Labor. The opposition, according to Elmer Donnell, Managing Director of the Associated Industries, comes from the damage suit lawyers and a few disgruntled Labor leaders in St. Louis and Kansas City.

"We sincerely hope that the enforcement of the Workmen's Compensation Law will not be delayed through the referendum," said Mr. Donnell. "If it is, the Associated Industries of Missouri will use every honorable means to persuade the voters at the election in November, 1926, to sustain the action of the Legislature in passing the Act."

St. Paul's cathedral covers an area of two and a quarter acres.

Of 78 persons who died at Crediton, Devon, last year, one was aged 96, two were 90, ten between 80 and 90, 14 between 75 and 80, and 12 between 70 and 75.

MISSOURI WEEKLY

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Kansas City—Liberty Garment Co. purchases site for erection of new factory.

Excelsior Springs—Tentative plans being made to widen highway between this place and Kansas City.

St. Joseph—New motion picture theatre to be built between Twentieth and Twenty-second Streets.

Boonville—Work started on rebuilding California City Hotel, recently damaged by fire.

Kansas City—Excavation work begun for 3-story building to be used as future home of two motor companies.

Garden City—Work on highway No. 1 progressing rapidly.

Frankford—New Bank of Frankford formally opened.

Excelsior Springs—Broadway to be repaired during year.

Kansas City—New building of Robert Keith Furniture & Carpet Company to be under construction by July 1.

Monett—Improvement work under way at Broadway Hotel.

New Franklin—Masonic temple dedicated.

Columbia—Contracts to be let in immediate future for construction of three new school buildings.

Novinger—Novinger Bank building to be remodeled.

Columbia—New equipment being installed in chemistry building at University of Missouri.

Sedalia—Plans under way to rebuild George R. Smith College, recently destroyed by fire.

Boonville—Construction work started on new Missouri Power & Light Co. plant, east of here.

Hatfield—Bond issue voted for new high school building.

The value of building contracts awarded during March was the largest on record, according to the federal reserve board figures.

Flat River—Masonic temple to be erected in near future.

Boonville—Plans completed for improvement work at Evangelical church.

Backed By Ambulance Chasers

The referendum petitions for a submission of the workmen's compensation law to the voters at next year's election are now in circulation. They are being circulated by a publicity company, which, of course, will be paid for every signature attached to the petitions.

The scheme to submit the compensation act to a referendum is merely a business transaction. Public policy and the welfare of the employers or wage earners with which the act deals have little to do with it. The compensation act is approved by the Associated Industries of Missouri, representing the employers. It is endorsed by President Wood of the Missouri Federation of Labor. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared that the act was an excellent measure and supplied a good working basis, which might be amended as amendments are found to be desirable.

It is generally agreed by those who have studied the question of compensation and have a knowledge of compensation legislation in other states that this Missouri measure is a fair measure—fair to employers and employees.

There cannot be any question of the need of a measure of this kind in Missouri and of the wisdom of legislation which provides for those who are disabled in industry. Without the law, the courts are choked with litigation by which both employers and injured employees lose, and only ambulance chasers and damage-suit lawyers gain. Wage earners disabled by accidents wait years for compensation and divide what they get with greedy lawyers. The act is opposed also by a few labor organizations who will not be satisfied with anything except radical measures. The financial backers of the referendum are the legal ghouls who fatten on litigation.

It will be unfortunate if the 40,000 signatures in 11 congressional districts are obtained. It is to be hoped that citizens who understand what this act means in industrial progress and social welfare will refuse to sign the petition. If a sufficient number of signatures are obtained, however, the issue will have to be met at the polls. It should be met with a campaign of education and a majority of votes in its favor which will keep the act on the statute books and put an end to the years of struggle to provide for wage earners dis-

abled in industry through certain, adequate compensation, without costly litigation.—Post Dispatch.

The polk was originally a Bohemian peasants' dance.

Princess Mafalda, daughter of the King of Italy, recently acted as starter of the international automobile race in Rome.

If you are in rather a hurry to cook fresh beans or peas, put a pinch of bicarbonate of soda in the pan with them. It will hasten the cooking process without injuring the flavor or appearance.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

AT THE

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Saturday Afternoon and Saturday Night

Saturday Afternoon

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TWO ACTS

ART MIX IN

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Admission 10c and 25c

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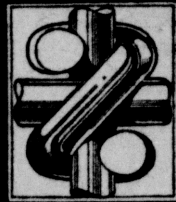
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"INTO THE NET" No. 6

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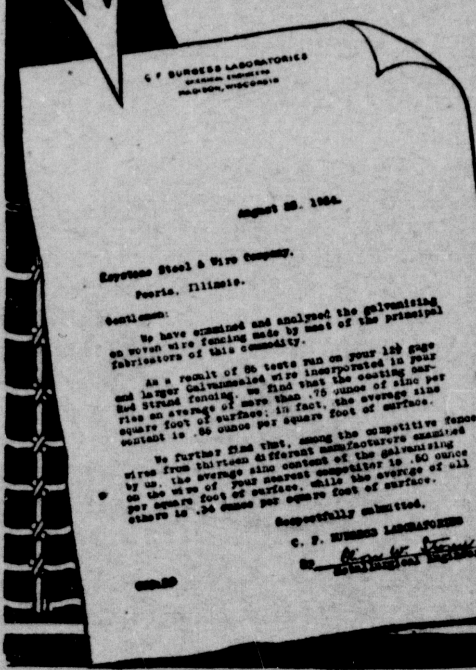
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COMEDY 'SEVENTEEN' TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets to the senior class play, "Seventeen", which is to be shown at the new auditorium next Wednesday night, have been placed on sale at The Bijou. The price of reserved seats is fifty cents.

This pleasing comedy by Booth Tarkington is in four acts. The following seniors are in the cast: Doris Gilbert as Mrs. Baxter; Will Hayden as Mr. Baxter; Donald Story as William Sylvanus Baxter; Mort Griffith as Johnnie Watson; Alfreda Baty as Jane Baxter; Fanny Becker as Mary Parcher; Ruby Richards as Lola Pratt; Louis Moles as Genesis; James Howell as Joe Bullitt; Eugene Potashnick as Mr. Parcher; Donald Milem as George Cropper; Kathryn Hanner as Ethel Boke; John Houchens as Wallie Banks and Lucille Mount as Mary Brooks.

It is the tragedy of William Sylvanus Baxter that he has ceased to be sixteen and is not yet eighteen. Seventeen is not an age, it is a disease.

In his heart William knows all the tortures and delights of love. But he is still sent by his mother on errands of the most humiliating sort and depends on his father for every nickel, the use of which he must justify before he gets it.

"Silly" Bill fell in love with Lola, the "Baby-Talk Lady", a vapid little flirt. To woo her in a manner worthy of himself (and of her) he steals his father's evening clothes. When his wooings become a nuisance to the neighborhood, his mother steals them back, and has them let out to fit the middle-aged form of her husband, thereby keeping William at home.

But when it comes to the "Baby-Talk Lady's" good-bye dance, not to be present was unendurable. Now William again gets the dress suit, and how he wears it at the party, and Genesis discloses the fact that the proud garment is in reality his father's, makes up the story of the play. "Seventeen" is a work of exquisite human sympathy and delicious humor.

Reserved seats to the operetta, "Miss Caruthers Returns", are on sale at Dudley's. This musical play is to be given by the Girls' Glee Club, assisted by Misses Helen Hess, Emma Morehead and Ruth Wilkerson, on next Tuesday evening in the new auditorium.

The story follows: Miss Thyra Caruthers has been left a large estate by her father, in whose will she has been requested to continue the support of one of his philanthropies, an Art Club, where talented young women might secure board and room at small costs while carrying on their studies in the various arts.

Miss Caruthers, at the death of her father, has gone to Europe to travel. On her return she determines to find out for herself just how her money is being used by Mrs. Jones, the matron of the Art Club, and to satisfy herself as to the characters of the girls who are receiving the benefits of her philanthropy. She gains entrance to the Art Club by posing as a maid, whereupon she learns that Mrs. Jones has been using money that should have gone to the support of the place, to purchase clothing for her niece, Desdemona; also that Desdemona is planning to elope with a Mr. Jerry Smith, pretending to be a millionaire. Miss Caruthers learns he is an impostor who wishes to marry Desdemona because he thinks she is an heiress. She further learns that the girls are hard working, ambitious girls. She frustrates Desdemona's plan to elope and saves her from a compromising situation in which she seems guilty of stealing her aunt's money. Later Thyra reveals her true identity, forgives Mrs. Jones' indiscretion, and secures that lady's promise to give Desdemona another chance. She commends the girls for their loyalty to each other, and promises to help each one of them to realize her ambition.

The commencement sermon will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. The program as planned is as follows: Processional—America the Beautiful Invocation—Rev. J. M. Fontaine Anthem—Glee Club Announcements—Supt. Roy V. Ellise Scripture Reading—Rev. E. B. Hensley Solo—Miss Emma Morehead Sermon—"The Thing That Counts" Rev. T. B. Mather Doxology—Glee Club Benediction Recessional—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

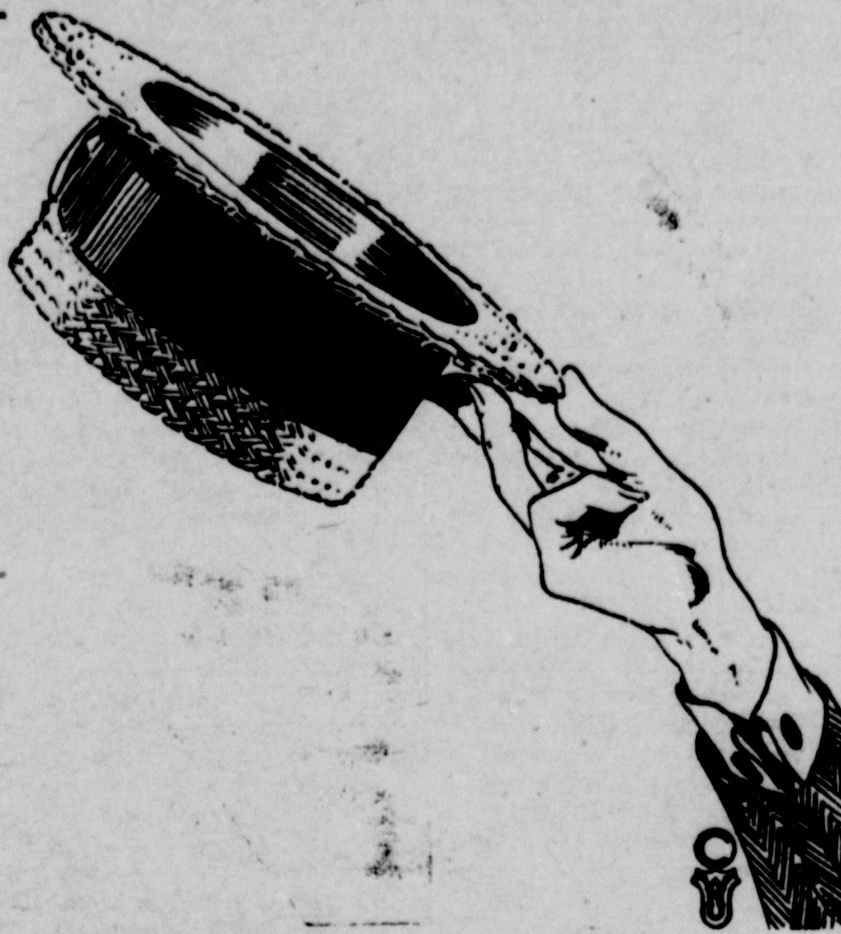
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ENGINEER UPHOLDS WATER ANALYSIS

In a letter to Mayor C. E. Felker, State Sanitary Engineer George W. Putnam, refutes statements made in a Sikeston paper last week to the effect that the State's analysis of the local water supply was "unadulterated bunk". The report of the State Board of Health some weeks ago, showed that only one sample of the fifteen sent in from Sikeston contained enough bacteria to be judged unsafe for health. The local editorial implied that the Sikeston water had a bad odor, the dirt in it was visible to the eye and that the State Board did not know what they were talking about.

The letter from Mr. Putnam follows:

"Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter of May 8th from your City Clerk, enclosing clipping from one of your local papers, regarding the report of this Board on the condition of the Sikeston public water supply.

"This report was based on fifteen samples collected from your city supply in sterile sample bottle and forwarded to the State Board of Health laboratory at Jefferson City in a standard iced container. The bacteriological examination was made in accordance with the standard methods of water analysis of the American Public Health Association.

"It is known that the city water contains considerable iron in solution as it comes from the wells, which is partially oxidized and precipitates out in the mains. The presence of this iron has absolutely no sanitary significance as it cannot possibly give one drinking this water any disease. It may, however, effect the palatability of the water for some persons.

"Possibly the writer of this clipping is under the mistaken impression that the presence of iron precipitate in the water affects the safety of the water supply for drinking purposes."

NEW MADRID COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The regular meeting of the New Madrid County Medical Society was held in New Madrid on May 7th, in the office of the New Madrid County Health Department. The following doctors were present: J. H. Cochran and J. D. Fulkerson, Gideon; C. S. Blackman, Parma; R. E. Wiley, Lilbourn; Claude McRaven, Marston; P. M. Mayfield, Portageville; R. Lee Williams, Ft. Pleasant; J. D. Fakes, W. L. Digges, Wm. N. O'Bannon, New Madrid. The visiting doctors present were W. E. Yount, G. B. Schultz, C. A. Zimmermann of Cape Girardeau; J. H. Yount of Sikeston. Judge E. J. Hoke of Parma and L. D. Marlowe of Lilbourn, Judges of the New Madrid County Court were guests of the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Dr. C. McRaven gave a report of a very interesting case where the diagnosis had been deferred, and was followed by a very interesting discussion. Dr. Cochran gave a report of a case of hysteria, which was also very ably discussed. Drs. Schultz and Zimmermann both gave interesting case reports. Judges Hoke and Marlowe both gave short addresses which were greatly enjoyed by the society.

The wives of the doctors met with Mrs. O'Bannon for the purpose of organizing the Women's Auxiliary. The following officers were elected: Mrs. P. M. Mayfield, President; Mrs. W. L. Digges, Vice-President; Mrs. W. N. O'Bannon, Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Parsons, County Health Nurse, read a paper and assisted the ladies in perfecting their organization.

After adjournment, the doctors joined their wives at Dr. O'Bannon's residence, where a delicious luncheon was served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

MR. AND MRS. GREER ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer entertained a number of friends Thursday night at dinner and bridge. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hummel, Mr. and Mrs. Moren Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ostner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall and Miss Pauline Moore, all of Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. James Kevill, Mr. and Mrs. Clay H. Stubbs, Misses Myra and Burnice Tanner, Arthur Barrett and Dr. H. E. Reuber and Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Wade of Malden.

PUPILS AT CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN RECITAL

The music pupils at the Catholic school gave a very creditable recital in the school rooms Monday night to a good crowd of parents and friends. The young musicians showed not only unusual poise before an audience, but talent and excellent training. The following program was given:

Crimson Blushes—Lester Little O'Connell, G. H. Houchon, Eulah Frazier, Frances Green, Marian Johnson, Orman Barnes, Tris Marshall.

Piano Solo—Kleiner Wildfang—Otto Anschuetz Mary V. Lee

Piano Duet—Carrera Bicycles—E. Holst Mildred Tesson, Evelyn Bailey Reading—A Christian Soldier Frances Green

Donau Wellen—I. Ivanovici Violin Ensemble

Piano Duet—Our Banner March—Paul Jones Robert Dempster, Edw. Fuchs Reading—Seein' Things at Night Mildred Tesson

Piano Solo—Drops of Water—Joseph Asher Ruth Bateman

Chorus—Moonlight on the Lake Piano Duet—The Apple Tree Swing—H. Spencer Emily Blanton, Mildred Meyer

Vocal Solo—Little Red Wagon—Bertrand Brown Opal Elkins

Piano Solos—Valse Caprice—F. G. Rathburn Mendelssohn—Sidus Dorothy Walker

Reading—The Matinee Girl Gladys Swinny

Piano Solo—The Mill Song—Leon Ringuet Frances Green

Valse Danseuse—W. E. Miles Violin Ensemble

Piano Solo—Martha—Georgia Houchon Musical Reading—A Perfect Little Lady—Denison Dorothy Walker

Piano Duet—Danza Espanola—Evard Holst Elizabeth Taylor, Clara Trousdale Reading—Little Orphan Annie Emily Blanton

Piano Solo—Home Sweet Home—Lang Gladys Swinny

Vocal Solo—Two Little Magpies—J. Wells Opal Elkins

Piano Duet—The Jolly Blacksmith—Jean Paul Ruth Bateman, Frances Green Reading—The Telegram Mildred Meyer

Hope March—Papini Violin Ensemble.

Dave Kevill spent last week in St. Louis on business.

Miss Margaret Carpenter, who has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Blanton for the past few weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Cleveland, Ohio.

CHAFFEE YOUNG WOMAN HOME FROM CHINA

Miss Flossie McKnight of Chaffee, who has been in China for the past five years, returned home Monday afternoon.

She left Chaffee on July 29, 1920, and sailed from Vancouver, British Columbia, arrived in Soochow, China, and has spent her time working in Laura Haywood Normal School. She left there and went to Hangchow this spring to work in Trinity Institution of church and club work and left Hangchow April 13, and sailed for the United States. Miss McKnight made stops at Kobe and Yokohama, Japan, also Honolulu. Before she left Hangchow she was promised a trip to Europe, but on account of her mother's illness she canceled her engagement and came here.

She intends to tour the United States and lecture on interesting things she saw in foreign countries.—Cape Missourian.

MCCUTCHEN BUYS GRAND THEATRE THIS WEEK

O. W. McCutchen bought The Grand Theatre Tuesday, thereby adding another moving picture house to his chain of six in this section. Mr. McCutchen bought the theatre from L. B. Curtis of Kennett, who recently purchased it from Tom Arnold, who started it about four months ago.

Mr. McCutchen will continue the shows there on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the regular prices. He did not take over the old picture contracts and will book entirely different pictures. His management took charge Wednesday.

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. John Kerr of the Presbyterian Church at Farmington will be the chief speaker at the ground-breaking service of the local Presbyterians at 2:30 Friday afternoon. The exercises will be held at the church lot on Matthews Street.

The service will be opened with a prayer by Rev. J. M. Fontaine.

Rev. E. B. Hensley will give a short talk of welcome to the new church builders. Gospel songs and solos by Miss Vera Brinkopf and Mrs. L. L. Conatser will be the music.

SEWERAGE AND MALONE AVENUE TOPICS OF C. OF C.

Opening Malone Avenue and installing adequate sewerage were the chief topics at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night. About twenty members were present. No action was taken toward electing a new secretary.

Just now petitions are out and being signed by Chamber members, which ask the City Council to take immediate action on these two proposals.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Montgomery and daughter Miss Glenda and Mrs. F. S. Corzine motored to Memphis, Tenn., Thursday morning.

FIVE FROM HERE AT W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE

The Group Institute of the State W. C. T. U. was held in Poplar Bluff last Friday afternoon and night with Mrs. Lettie Hill May, State Corresponding Secretary, presiding. The meeting was of great interest to members of the organization in this district, they declared. Many out-of-town visitors were here including the following:

Parma—Mrs. Minnie E. Sigler, Mrs. E. B. Gee, Mrs. J. R. Lucy, Mrs. C. C. Fly.

Des Moines, Ia.—Mrs. Ida B. Wise, Kennett—Mrs. J. C. McHaney, Mrs. Lucy Harris, Mrs. J. A. Bradley, Mrs. J. V. Billings and Miss Lulene Taylor.

Piedmont—Mrs. O. C. Lucy, Mrs. Minnie Lee, Mrs. G. W. Toney. Cape Girardeau—Mrs. J. H. Himmelberger.

Charleston—Mrs. W. S. Love, Mrs. W. C. Bryant, Miss Lillie Beck, Emma Roberts, Mrs. Charles Tucky, Mrs. Louise Ostner, Mrs. C. M. Davis, Mrs. Wm. Holloway, Mrs. F. H. Scofield, Miss Cora Simpson.

Jackson—Mrs. C. H. Wolter, Mrs. G. S. Henderson.

Sikeston—Mrs. C. A. Nichols, Mrs. T. F. Henry, Mrs. C. C. Freeman, Mrs. J. A. Hess, Mrs. M. J. Thomas.

St. Louis—Mrs. Lettie Hill May. Morehouse—Mrs. I. H. Dunaway.

Mrs. F. B. Rauch, Mrs. R. E. Lowe, Mrs. Clark.

Los Angeles—Mrs. Harry Rimmer. Up until 3 o'clock Friday afternoon 65 people had attended the meeting, including a number of Poplar Bluff members.

Mrs. C. McCoy, president of the Butler County W. C. T. U., opened the meeting with a welcome to the visitors and introduced Mrs. Lettie Hill May, State Corresponding Secretary, who presided during the day. Rev. L. L. Roberts also gave a cordial welcome in behalf of the local organization and the city.

A symposium by department superintendents on "How My Department Aids in Law Enforcement", consisted of short talks. Among those taking part in these discussions were Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. McHaney of Kennett, Mrs. Hess, a delegate from Scott County, Mrs. Munger of Piedmont and Mrs. J. H. Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau, all of whom gave interesting reports on what was being done toward use of the Bible in public schools in their communities.

Mrs. Harris of Kennett and Mrs. Bryant of Charleston made short talks on the value of mothers meetings. Mrs. McHenry told of the practical work in Christian citizenship being done by the women of Dunklin county.

On the work of the flower mission department, Mrs. Lucy of Piedmont, Mrs. Wolters of Jackson, Mrs. Thomas of Sikeston and others made short talks. Mrs. McCoy at this time introduced a motion which was carried, to send flowers and a message of appreciation and encouragement to deputy sheriff Claude Graham, who

was seriously wounded recently while in the discharge of his duty. Also a message of condolence was to be sent to Mrs. E. H. Spitzer, president of the Oxy Union, who is bereaved by the loss of a daughter and is herself very ill.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

STATE ROAD EMPLOYEES TO CHECK AUTOISTS

Missouri automobile owners who have not yet registered and obtained 1925 state license plates for their cars are to be watched and checked by maintenance patrolmen of the State Highway Department and reported, under plans made by officials of the highway department and the state automobile registration department, it was announced today.

At a conference between the officials to determine the advisability of co-operating on reporting motor car owners who are delinquent in registration of their cars, it was decided to furnish forms to all highway maintenance patrolmen for that purpose. Steps are being taken to carry out the work. It will be statewide.

KILL OVER 100 CHIMNEY SWALLOWS IN THEIR HOME

A very disagreeable incident was experienced Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews when they returned, after being out awhile and discovered a great flock of chimney swallows in their home. The walls and drapery were badly soiled by soot and it took a great deal of effort to get them out. Over a hundred were killed in the rooms of the lower floor. The muss was doubly tragic because Mrs. Matthews had cleaned house only last week.

TWO ARMS BROKEN IN SIKESTON SATURDAY

While cranking her car Saturday, Mrs. M. G. Gresham broke her right arm and dislocated her shoulder. Although she suffered much pain, Mrs. Gresham is able to be out. On the same day the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farris broke his arm while playing. The boy who was attending the Baptist Sunday School picnic, was brought to Dr. Presnell's office by Mr. Morris, the revival singer, and is doing nicely now.

NEW MADRID PAPER IN SIXTIETH YEAR

The New Madrid Record this week starts on its 60th year under the management of A. O. Allen, Sr.

The paper was established by Mr. Allen at New Madrid in 1866, and is one of the oldest papers in Southeast Missouri.

COLORED CHURCH AT MT. OLIVE TO HOLD RALLY

The colored Missionary Baptist Church at Mount Olive will hold its first flag rally on Sunday, May 31. The officers have issued an invitation to the public, the Rev. Doward says.

NUMBER REGISTER AT BETTER HOME

The hostesses at the Better Home on Kendall Street have welcomed god crowds every day. On Monday afternoon, thirty-nine visitors registered, on Tuesday afternoon there were about one hundred and Tuesday night there were twenty-five. Wednesday morning, although the house was not open to the public, Miss Isabelle Hess and about 20 high school girls from the home economics class inspected the home.

Out-of-town visitors have been numerous. On Monday, Mrs. Cassius M. Clay of Memphis, Tenn., registered; on Tuesday, Mrs. S. T. Kendall of Poplar Bluff; on Wednesday Mrs. L. Daugherty, Mrs. J. H. Boyce, Mrs. H. Leslie, Mrs. Ralph McCullough, Mrs. Lottie P. Leslie, Mrs. Anna G. Beardslee, Mrs. G. D. Harris, Mrs. H. F. Emerson, Mrs. B. F. Earles, Mrs. Maude Daugherty, all of Morley; Mrs. Fred Hetlage of Kewanee, and Miss Missie Howard and Mrs. Susan Conran of New Madrid.

Mrs. C. C. White and her assistants were hostesses Monday, serving punch and wafers. Tuesday Mrs. B. F. Blanton and her assistants served hot waffles and coffee, the electric range being demonstrated by Mrs. M. M. Beck. Tuesday evening, Mrs. Roy V. Ellise received. A number of men attended the open house in the evening.

At the open meeting of the Women's Club Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., gave an excellent paper on "Fine Arts". The Club also voted on the hospital furnishing movement, deciding that though as a body it was in favor of helping a community hospital, it was not in favor and did not subscribe any funds to any movement now underway.

On Friday the little orchestra trained by the Catholic sisters, will be on the program.

Besides the two furniture companies, which furnished the Better Home, the Club is indebted to many other firms, among them the Farmers Supply, Derris Drug Co., C. H. Yanson, Missouri Public Utilities Co. and others.

VANDUSER HIGH GRADUATION HELD THURSDAY NIGHT

The graduating exercises of the Vanduser High School was held on Thursday night, May 14, in the school auditorium. The following program has been arranged for the occasion:

March Invocation—Bro. Johnston Salutatory Address—Herbert Henry Chorus—Sunset Class History—Thelma Cramick The Rose—Frances Hale Class Prophecy—Maxine Gibbs Chorus—"Vanduser Forever" Valedictory Address—Velma Gregory Class Address—Bro. Anberschorn Presentation of Diplomas—Supt. Howard

Mrs. Cassius Clay is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. M. Stallcup.

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The oculists in Sikeston have had
an unusual run this week in fitting
men with glasses. It was unexplain-
able until the announcement was
made that there would be a "bloomer
girl" baseball game next Wednesday
afternoon.

The Standard was under the im-
pression that the Woman's Club was
organized for a purpose higher than
personal gain, but it seems from the
reluctance its members are taking to-
ward encouraging a hospital for Sik-
eston that we are mistaken. It seems
that any member who has a "sister,
cousin or aunt" kin to a drug store or
a physician is afraid that someone
may gain or lose by having a hospital
unless it be a "community hospital"
where no one would be responsible for
what might happen. The proposition
for a hospital of any sort should meet
with the encouragement of all socie-
ties as it is dedicated to the sick and
injured of the community without re-
gard to social position and when it
comes down to frown on the propo-
sition for the above reason it will be
pretty hard to convince some that
the Woman's Club has the right sort
of feeling for the sick.

The editor and Mrs. Blanton ac-
companied H. C. Blanton and family
on a very delightful trip through the
Ozarks the last of the week. Their
itinerary was: Poplar Bluff, Doni-
phan, Thayer, West Plains, Mountain
Grove, Ava, Mansfield, Ozark, Bran-
son, then back to Springfield and
home over Route 16 through Willow
Springs, Elsinoe and Van Buren.
Some wonderful scenery was viewed
and great stretches of country that
appeared to be uninhabited. From
Thayer to West Plains and beyond
were many large orchards and in the
inhabited sections smaller orchards,
poultry and live stock was to be seen.
Around Mountain Grove and especial-
ly around Ozark were many beautiful
and well kept farms. At West Plains
we stopped at The Arcade Hotel
which is operated by Mr. Martin,
who is a brother of Mrs. Van Arsdale
of this city. They gave us splendid
entertainment. At Ozark we stop-
ped for a short visit with Chas. E.
Reid, who runs a Democratic news-
paper, and who is an acquaintance of
40 years, both of us having worked
together in Paris, Mo., and later in
1889 in the Government Printing Of-
fice at Washington, D. C. It was a
real pleasure to the writer to see our
friend of old and to present a part of
our family. He and his good wife are
growing old gracefully and are the
same true couple that they were when
we last saw them, 36 years ago. From
Ozark to Branson was full of thrills
as the up hill and down dale was of
the roller coaster variety. At Bran-
son it seemed as though the Almhil-

ty had thrown in a handful of some-
thing that back-fired as it was hills
and gulches and straight up-and-
down mountains with Lake Taney-
como stretching for 26 miles down
the gulch. Sunday night was spent
at this place and an early start got
us to Springfield, 69 miles north
where the party breakfasted. From
Ozark to Springfield, 26 miles, were
many pretty homes and fine stock
farms. Returning from Springfield
to Poplar Bluff over Route 16 took
us through country that was rough,
poor and sparsely inhabited. Rey-
nolds and Carter Counties were about
the most God-forsaken country we
have ever passed through. There has
been some wonderful road work done
on the different routes traveled, es-
pecially to the west of Ava, where the
road follows for miles the hog back
of the Ozarks, where it was necessary
to blast the ridge to make it of suf-
ficient width to conform to specifica-
tions. Either side of this hog back
presented a panoramic scene hardly
describable. As far as the eye could
see on either side were peaks and
waves of mountains that were lost in
the distance. It was a trip never to
be forgotten and one that will be a
pleasure in a few more months when
the few remaining short stretches of
road are completed. All honor to the
State Highway Commission and its
score of engineers who are giving us
such a system of roads. This trip
was presented to his Mother by Har-
ry and Dad was permitted to go
along.

DRUNKEN AUTO DRIVERS

An automobile driver convicted of
driving while drunk, driving careles-
sly, resisting arrest, and peace dis-
turbance, has been fined \$462. He
appears to take this hard, for he is
reported to have been reluctant to
pay the fine and to have been placed
in the hold-over to "think it over".

If he should decide to pay, and can
pay, such payment will leave him
free to get drunk again, drive his car
while intoxicated, and perhaps seri-
ously injure or kill someone. This
experience may or may not induce
him to mend his ways and become a
careful driver. But if his license
were revoked and he were placed on
parole for a year, forbidden to drive
a car during that period, and then
made to give a pledge that he would
drive soberly and carefully, he would
be unable to injure anyone with his
machine for that length of time, and
the lesson might induce him to take
the pledge seriously.

Permitting a driver convicted of
driving while intoxicated to hold his
license and go on driving on the same
terms as other citizens is a poor way
to prevent reckless driving.—Post-
Dispatch.

The man who wrote the headline,
"Rum Fleet Vessels Dwindle Woeful-
ly" certainly let his sentiments out in
that last word.

WHOLE BLOCK AT COOTER
WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Steele, Mo., May 12.—Fire of un-
known origin completely destroyed
the entire business block owned by W.
P. Polk in Cooter, three miles west of
here, yesterday. The blaze originated
in the Polk meat market and soon
spread over the entire block, result-
ing in a total loss of one grocery
store, meat market, babrber shop,
blacksmith shop and one dwelling.
Loss is estimated at over \$10,000 with
less than \$100 insurance.

A DECADE SINCE LUSITANIA

Ten years ago, May 7, 1915, the
Lusitania was sunk by a German tor-
pedo off the Old Head of Kinsale, the
most southerly point of Ireland. Of
the 1917 persons aboard the liner,
which was one of the finest afloat, 1,-
152 lost their lives. No single atro-
city of the war caused the sensation
the sinking of the Cunard liner creat-
ed throughout the world. Taking toll
as it did of American life and prop-
erty, it was widely deemed sufficient
cause for war against Germany. But
war did not follow for nearly two
years. Nevertheless, the incident did
much to shape the course of America
towards eventual participation in the
struggle.

Six days before the liner had sail-
ed from New York. Amid the usual
scenes of gaiety surrounding the de-
parture there was current an unmis-
takable note of apprehension. Many
of the passengers had received anony-
mous letters warning them the ship
was to be torpedoed; the Germany
embassy that day had published a
warning in the New York newspa-
pers, an unheard-of procedure. But
the liner sailed, and an uneventful
journey until within sight of the Irish
coast had all but dissipated any alarm
the passengers may have felt.

Then, suddenly, at 2 o'clock in the
afternoon, with no warning whatever,
the torpedo struck, and in twenty
minutes the Lusitania plunged to the
bottom. Two torpedoes were fired, a
white trail in the water as they near-
ed the only sign of their approach. The
Irish coast was only ten miles away,
but it was too far with engines dis-
abled and the ship in a sinking con-
dition. Owing to the listing vessel
only half the lifeboats could be
launched. As the ship sank the Ger-
man submarine which had fired the
torpedoes came to the surface within
three hundred yards of the wreck it
had made and stood by without offer
of assistance.

Captain Turner went down with the
ship, but, having on a lifebelt, was
picked up later by one of the many
boats that came to the rescue. Many
of the passengers and the crew were
killed by the explosions of the tor-
pedoes, some died later from expos-
ure occasioned before they were re-
scued by fishing boats, but the greater
number were drowned.

There were 119 Americans on
board. Of these 114 perished. Among
them were Charles Frohmann, the
New York theatrical producer; Chas.
Klein, the dramatist; Alfred Gwynne
Vanderbilt, Justus Miles Forman, the
novelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert
Hubbard. It was an ocean disaster
surpassed in magnitude only by the
sinking of the Titanic in mid-ocean
some three years before, at which
time 1503 lives were lost.

The German government attempted
a justification of the atrocity by the
assertion the Lusitania carried mun-
itions of war; that the passengers had
embarked in face of official warning
that they courted danger. But the
Lusitania carried no munitions, and
was not armed, and it was held that
Americans were within their rights in
traveling the high seas.

There were many who considered
the sinking of the Lusitania a "crime
against civilization". The temper of
the public mind following the disaster
was expressed most forcibly in an ar-
ticle in the Metropolitan Magazine by
Theodore Roosevelt:

"In the teeth of these things, we
earn as a nation measureless scorn
and contempt if we follow the lead of
those who exalt peace above righte-
ousness, if we heed the voices of those
feeble folk who bleat to high heaven
that there is peace when there is no
peace. For many months our govern-
ment has preserved between right and
wrong a 'neutrality' which would
have excited the envious admiration
of Pontius Pilate—the arch typical
neutral of all times."—K. C. Star.

MISSOURI TO OPEN BIDS
FOR \$2,500,000 ROAD WORK

Jefferson City, May 11.—One hun-
dred and thirty miles of new road
work to cost approximately \$2,500,-
000 will be included under projects for
which bids will be received and open-
ed at the next road letting at the
State Highway Department here on
May 22, it was announced today at
the department. The work is to be
done in nineteen counties of the
state. The majority of it is to be
concrete paving.

It will be made up of about forty-
four miles of concrete, fifty-three
miles of graveling, thirty-two miles
of grading preparatory to surfacing
and nineteen small bridges. The con-
tracts will be awarded to the success-
ful bidders at a later meeting of the
Highway Commission.

BAPTIST MINISTER AT
CAMPBELL DIES

Campbell, May 11.—Rev. D. W.
Goldsmith, pastor of the Baptist
Church here for 30 years, is dead. He
was one of the leading figures in the
fight on saloons in Dunklin County
and secured local option for the en-
tire county.

AMERICA DISCOVERED
BEFORE COLUMBUS

Every schoolboy has been taught
that Columbus discovered America.
No date sticks more firmly in the
mind than October 12, 1492. For then
it was the intrepid mariner first drop-
ped anchor in the West Indies and
went ashore to proclaim the discovery
of a new continent. No other fact
has clung tighter to its place in the
school curriculum than that. Genera-
tions of pupils from the days of the
little red schoolhouse down to the pre-
sent have thumbed their histories and
learned by rote that Columbus dis-
covered America.

And now comes the disillusioning.
Columbus didn't do any such thing.
There is no dispute that he touched
land in the western hemisphere when
and where history records he did, but
that he was the first European to be-
hold the new continent is denied by
certain historians who recently have
delved rather deeply into the problem
of America's discovery.

It is pretty generally known that
Norsemen landed along the Labrador
or Nova Scotian coast nearly five
hundred years before Columbus was
born; and there is a tradition that the
Irish preceded them. But despite this
Columbus has remained the discover-
er of America. Those who have stood
by Columbus have consoled them-
selves with the thought that anyway he
was the first of his time, meaning
thereby that he was the first in the
vanguard that began the settlement
and civilization of the Americas.

But even this is now denied. If we
are to believe this new dictum of the
historian a Danish expedition accom-
panied by two Portuguese gentlemen
touched along the Newfoundland coast
in 1472, just twenty-two years
before John Cabot found the main-
land of North America, and French
merchants had visited and perhaps
were familiar with the Atlantic Coast
of America as much as a century be-
fore Columbus. Columbus is known to
have visited Bristol England, in
1447, presumably to talk with fisher-
men who frequently fished to the west
of Iceland and even as far as New-
foundland, and possibly to find and
talk with Didrik Pininf, the Danish
leader of the 1472 expedition. Colum-
at the time went as far as Iceland,
but whether or not he saw Pininf is
not known. Not only that, Columbus,
on his memorable voyage had as cap-
tain of one of his vessels, a Spaniard
named Pinzon who three years previ-
ously, while in French employ, had
visited the coast of Brazil.

Not content with that, which is suf-
ficient to destroy Columbus' title to
discoverer of America, the historians
and archeologists in their study of
the remarkable Aztec and Mayan civil-
izations of Mexico and Central Am-
erica, are coming to the belief that
these were Arabic or African com-
mercial outposts in a virgin land.
That between them and Europe for a
long period of time, beginning about
1150, or 1200, was carried on a large
commerce. The negro is indigenous
to Africa, yet Columbus found him in
America when he came on his third
voyage; from the Indians he obtained
"guanines", or slobes of gold and
copper alloy, well known in the trade
of the Guinea Coast of Africa, and
was told they had been brought by
the "black merchants from the south-
east".

Columbus, therefore, concludes the
historian, was a late comer, only an
incident in a drama of exploration and
development that had been going on
for a long time. They will grant him
this: that it was he who popularized
America in Europe, that it was he
who "sold" the new land to the Old
World, but that as a master of mari-
ner he was a better master salesman.

Burton Kline, in the current issue
of the World's Work, sets forth some-
thing of the fascinating story. Says
Mr. Kline: "It is now established
beyond effective contradiction that for
easily a century before Columbus,
and perhaps for a still longer period,
French merchants of Dieppe and Rou-
en regularly sent their ships to the
Guinea Coast of Africa, and probably
to the bays of South America for
gold, ivory, spices, skins, precious
stones and other exotic desirables. It
is known that this commerce was or-
ganized on almost the scale of a mod-
ern American corporation. Yet, for a
reason, all this business went on
without pomp of advertising and as
much as possible under the seal of se-
crecy".

Mr. Kline gives the reason for that
secrecy, which is easily understood.
The kings of Europe, for the support
of their wars, were wont to tax heav-
ily wherever they could find wealth.
The merchant class, by far, was the
wealthiest. If the merchants could
hide the sources and extent of their
fortunes, they were that much in poc-
ket. Their ships, therefore, slipped
out of port secretly, and they came
back from voyages and dropped an-
chor with as much secrecy as they
had departed. Few knew where they
had been or what they had brought
back. There was, however, an ad-
miralty office in Dieppe maintained by

the merchants, as a place of business
record and an exchange of marine in-
telligence. This center was a well or-
dered, smoothly-running concern, and
indicative of a wide and lucrative
commerce.

Unfortunately in 1649 in a war be-
tween England and France, the town
of Dieppe was bombarded, and this
clearing house destroyed with all its
records. But merchants in those days
went to law the same as merchants do
today, and sufficient of these old law-
suits are recorded in ancient French
records to give a good idea of the ex-
tent of that early French commerce.
It is certain that the founding of the
admiralty office antedates by many
years of birth of Columbus.

Gaffarel in his book, "Le Bresil
Francais", records that in 1489, one
Jean Cousin, a Frenchman, crossed
the Atlantic to Brazil, recrossed it to
the Cape of Good Hope, thence north
along the African Coast, and on home
to Dieppe. Cousin had with him a
Spaniard, a skilled mariner named
Pinzon. Off the African Coast it was
necessary to go ashore for food or
water, and Pinzon, contrary to custom
among merchantmen who were al-
ways seeking friendly contacts with
natives, lost his head or his temper
over something and fired on the na-
tives. This so incensed Cousin that
when he got back to Dieppe, he filed
formal complaint against the Spani-
ard, and Pinzon was deprived of his
license and the right to take ship
from Dieppe, and drummed out of
the French mercantile service. He
returned on foot to Spain.

Now when Columbus set sail three
years later on his historical voyage,
he had three brothers, Pinzon on
board, one of which he trusted suf-
ficiently to place in command of one
of his three vessels. It is known that
Columbus regarded Captain Pinzon's
advice and counsel very highly; and
Columbus recorded in his log that
Pinzon constantly and stubbornly
urged a course "more to the south-
ward".

Columbus also complained of
Pinzon's temper. Not only that, when
land at last was found, Pinzon cut
loose from the other two vessels and
disappeared for three weeks to the
southward, testing perhaps whether
the Brazil he had visited was not in
that direction. On the return to
Spain, Pinzon again cut loose, made
an independent landing at Barcelona,
and hastened to the king to be first
to announce the discovery. Thus, says
Mr. Kline, "as the case unfolds, it
becomes increasingly clear that be-
fore he (Columbus) sailed he knew
what he was going to discover and
where it lay—for the excellent reason

that a person or persons had been
there before him, and he knew that
also".

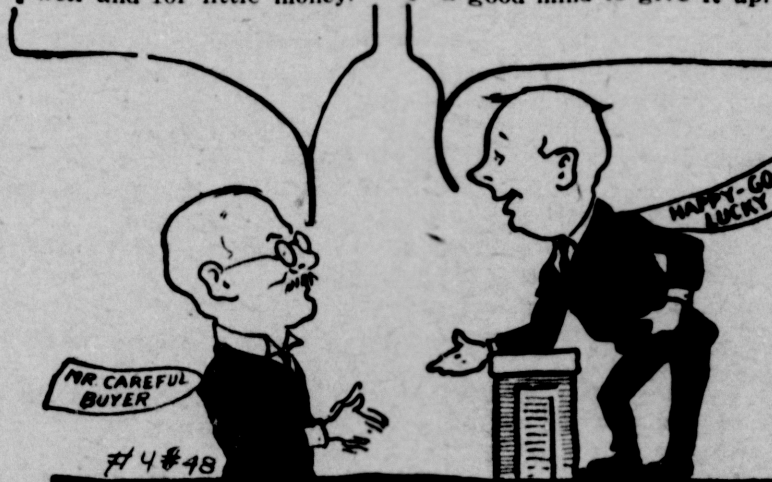
"The identity of that earlier Colum-
bus, the real discoverer of America,
pushed over here by that energetic
people, may never be established. But
the certainty of his existence and his
deed gains credence with each new bit
of discovery, each new line of thought
brought to bear upon it."—K. C. Star.

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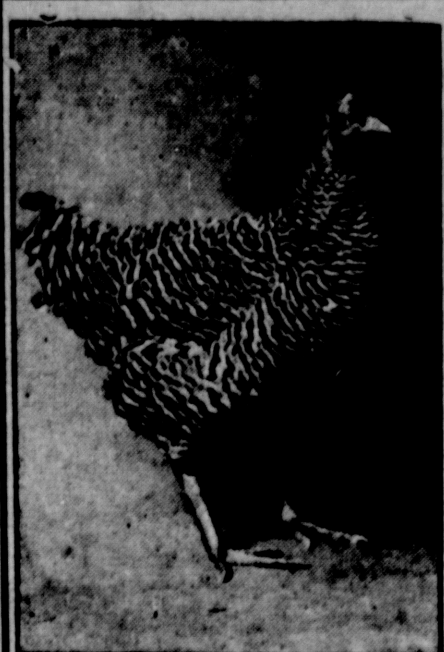
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400 U. S. SHIPS TO BE BOUGHT BY HENRY FORD

Detroit, Mich., May 13.—Henry Ford will purchase the 400 vessels of the United States Shipping Board if the government will fix what he considers a fair price, according to a story which will appear in the Detroit Fre Press this evening. The announcement was made this afternoon by Mr. Ford, following a conference with T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the shipping board.

O'Connor is quoted as asking to take over 200 ships in his original suggestion, the article says. However, when Ford informed him that he would only buy the ships to scrap them for junk, O'Connor suggested that he buy all 400, as it would not cost much more to construct dismantling apparatus to handle the 400 ships than it would the lesser number. Ford agreed to this, saying that he might retain from 10 to 30 of the ships for use by Ford industry. If any of the ships were put in operation by Ford, they would be reconditioned and equipped as oil burners, the article states.

Despite the tentative agreement, the matter of the sale of the ships to Ford will not be cleared up for several months, it is believed. The shipping board has been wary of making any agreement heretofore, as it felt if the ships were sold abroad to be scrapped, that promises might be broken and the ships might reappear under foreign flags in competition with American ships.

"The ships were built during the war when everybody was crazy", Ford was quoted as saying. "Most of the boats were thrown together in a great hurry. They were for an emergency and consequently many of them were not strongly built and some of the engines put into them were pretty bad".

"We have already purchased three vessels from the shipping board", he added, "we took these three boats for pioneering and we know their limitations. Two of the boats are of about 3000 tons. The third, the East Indian, is slightly larger and is now being put into shape for service to Denmark, which we hope will begin about August 1.

Ford indirectly refuted a statement which O'Connor is alleged to have made to newspaper men in Buffalo, that Ford would become the greatest ship owner in the world's history, by making the remark that he did not intend to use more than a few of the ships, scrapping the remainder.

Ford estimated the cost of constructing apparatus to dismantle the ships would amount to about \$400,000.

POPLAR BLUFF TENNIS CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—Brazalee Albre, for the boys, and Revola Greer for the girls are the tennis champions of Poplar Bluff High School, having won the annual classic in their finals with Joe Lindsay and Nadine Bone, respectively. The Curtis cup for the boys and the Board of Education Cups for the girls will be awarded.

MALDEN COUNCIL DESTROYS \$20,000 CANCELED BONDS

Malden, May 11.—The City Council a few nights ago, destroyed \$20,000 in cancelled bonds, against the indebtedness of the city.

SIKESTON-DEXTER PLAY HERE SUNDAY

The opening local game of this season will be played with Dexter at the Fair Grounds Sunday. Manager Heisler will use practically the same men that he had last week with the exception of Cheatham, of Chaffee, who will play second. Bowman will be shifted to left field.

According to League standing so far, Sikeston has a lead of one game over Dexter. But dope is not to be trusted and the Dexter team, which gave Kennett a game of 5-4 last Sunday only after thirteen hard-fought innings had been played, will doubtless give Sikeston plenty of opposition.

The probable line-up for Dexter is: J. Ulen shortstop Hammon centerfield Sisler 1st base Norman 2nd base Kirby right field Daugherty left field Witcher catcher Osburn 3rd base G. Ulen left field Hodge pitcher

Sikeston's line-up is: Daughtrey 1st base Dudley shortstop Cheatham 2nd base Crain 3rd base Finn catcher Bowman left field Van Arsdale right field Mow centre field Martin pitcher

Substitutes—Lancaster and Hebbeler.

How They Stand	W	L	Per Ct.
Kennett	2	0	1000
Doniphan	2	0	1000
Poplar Bluff	2	0	1000
Cairo	1	1	500
Sikeston	1	1	500
Malden	0	2	000
Dexter	0	2	000
Cape Girardeau	0	2	000

Last Sunday's Results

Zennett 5, Dexter 4.
Cairo 4, Malden 3.
Doniphan 5, Sikeston 0.
Poplar Bluff 4, Cape Girardeau 1.

Sunday's Schedule

Doniphan at Kennett.
Cape Girardeau at Cairo.
Dexter at Sikeston.
Malden at Poplar Bluff.

AT THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church
9:30—Sunday School.
11—Baccalaureate sermon.
7:00—Epworth League.
8:00—Evening services. Subject: "The Book."

THOS. B. MATHER, Pastor.

Baptist Church
9:30—Sunday School.
There will be no preaching services due to the absence of the pastor, who is attending the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

St. Francis Xavier
Hours of Masses—Sundays, 7:30 and 9:30.
Week days—7:00.

T. R. WOODS, Pastor.

Christian Church
9:45—Bible School.
Communion following.
6:30—Christian Endeavor.

7:30—Evening service. Subject: "Does It Matter What You Believe?"

We will have no preaching at the morning service. We will join in the baccalaureate service at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

E. B. HENSLEY, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church
10:00—Sunday School.
No preaching services because of the baccalaureate sermon at the M. E. Church.

J. M. FONTAINE, Pastor.

SISTER OF JUDGE LESCHER DIES IN LOUISVILLE

News has reached Mrs. J. C. Lescher here, of the death, at 9:30 Wednesday night, of Mrs. Emma Siegel of Louisville, Ky., who was the sister of Judge Lescher, who died here some months ago. Mrs. Siegel was ill at the time of Judge Lescher's death and the news was kept from her.

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Mattie Smith and children.

SUPREME COURT RULES ON CONVICTS' PAROLES

Jefferson City, May 13.—A writ of habeas corpus was denied Harry B. Jacobs, a convict in the Penitentiary, by a decision delivered in the Supreme Court en banc today by Acting Chief Justice David E. Blair. All of the judges concurred in the ruling which holds that a convict who has been paroled and has been returned to the Penitentiary under a revocation of parole, is not entitled to credit on the unfinished portion of his sentence for the time intervening between the date of the parole and the date of the revocation.

This point was raised by David W. Peters, attorney for Jacobs in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted for him, in which the immediate discharge of Jacobs from the Penitentiary was asked on the ground that counting in the elapsed time that he was at liberty under parole until it was revoked, he was entitled to discharge under the three-fourths law.

Inferentially, this question involved the authority of the Governor of the state to fix conditions under which a convict may be paroled.

Judge Blair says that Jacobs, having failed to observe the conditions of his parole, was returned to the prison to serve out the remainder of his term. He holds that he is not entitled to have the time that he was at large between date of the parole and its annulment deducted from his remaining time, and that his imprisonment is legal and remands him to the custody of the warden of the Penitentiary to serve out the rest of his time.

He holds that there is, under the Constitution, no doubt of the authority of the Governor to fix conditions of a parole for an inmate of the Penitentiary.

Don't Seal Up Vaccination

The following article written by Dr. W. A. Evans is of great educational value:

"The surgeon general of the United States telegraphs a warning against the use of bunion pads or smallpox vaccinations. Several deaths from lockjaw in which bunion pads were used in that way have been reported to him. He is said to have made some examinations of unused bunion pads and found tetanus, or lockjaw germs, in them. All of this has been common information among health officers for nearly twenty years and yet a large proportion of the people seem never to have heard of it. Lockjaw germs are very apt to get into all kinds of glue and products in which glue is used. Any person who uses glue or any other adhesive substance on or around any wound is taking an unjustified risk of lockjaw.

The Spanish war in Cuba got us into more than one kind of trouble. In that war, the surgeons sealed up the wounds airtight and got very satisfactory results. Soon afterwards, the plan of putting airtight shields on vaccinations became general. Experience proved this to be very bad practice. Wounds need some air; vaccination wounds are not exceptions. In cases where shields were used, there were a few cases of lockjaw and a great many bad arms due to other infections. The practice was abandoned among informed people at least 15 years ago.

At the outbreak of the World War surgeons started in sealing up the wounds as they had learned to do in 1898. There was so much lockjaw, gas gangrene, and other forms of infection, that the practice of putting bunion pads and other shields was changed before long. Now nobody seals up general wounds.

Why is it that the practice of putting bunion pads and other shields on vaccination have proven backward? The explanation is that smallpox and all that concerns that disease is no news. George Washington had smallpox. Some of his stepchildren died of it. Abraham Lincoln had smallpox while he was president. Barton tells us he and the boys had smallpox in the White House.

In that day, education was not general and the facilities spreading news were not good. But smallpox was about as good as anything else. Today the machinery for gossip is organized in the degree, but nobody is afraid of smallpox, nobody is interested in it, and therefore it has no news value.

The surgeon general needs all the help he can get in his efforts to tell the people not to put bunion pads on their vaccinations.

BAD LIQUOR CAUSES DEATH OF POPLAR BLUFF MAN

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—The body of Roy Lake was found last night in his room at Loyal Hotel here, was buried late this afternoon at county expense. Lake, a man 40 years old, was last seen alive Saturday night. When his door could not be opened, police broke it down. He had been dead 24 hours. Death was from the effects of bad liquor, it is believed.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. Taylor Todd and Mrs. J. V. Baker were shopping in Cape Girardeau on Wednesday.

"Dude" Blackwell is back from Wichita, Kansas, greeting old friends and doing some fishing.

John Shoulders has gone back to the hospital at Cape Girardeau for more treatments.

E. L. Crumpecker and wife are entertaining a new girl at their home since Tuesday night. The little Miss weighed 6½ pounds.

Mr. Percy, grain dealer of Canolou was in town transacting business on Tuesday evening.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Monday night at the Baptist church by Rev. Patterson. The theme of the talk was service to God, service to country and service to home.

Rev. Patterson is in Memphis this week attending to some business.

The Junior-Senior banquet was held Wednesday night in the gymnasium, with eighty plates. There are twenty seniors in the graduating class. The banquet was enlivened by some excellent selections of music by students. Those who made speeches were: Adrian Doss, President Junior class, Henry Hart, President Senior class, Bryce Edwards, Supt., E. W. Davis, Pres., Charles Hall and E. L. Griffin. The high school baseball team defeated Morley, Wednesday afternoon, 13-12.

SOVIET HAD TONS OF GEMS

Three hundred pounds of diamonds! A matter of 680,400 carats of gems! A hundred million or so in American dollars!

That is one small lot of stones catalogued by the Russian soviet "jewel department" in Moscow. These stones were separated and put up in a neat packet as being suitable for the Paris trade. What may be the vast quantity not suitable for Paris whims is not known. But it is generally understood that it is a matter of tons rather than pounds.

Jewels of every kind are represented. It is said that the Russian crown jewels are included.

It is inconceivable that all this weight of scintillating gems could have been in one safe, so the theft reported recently probably did not bankrupt the Third Internationale. No doubt the soviet has ample resources to restore, partially at least, the communistic propaganda fund thus depleted, but these resources have been dwindling perceptibly the last few years.

Many jewels have been sold to pay for Russian imports and to maintain Russia's emissaries abroad. Many others have been stolen, just as were these jewels of the Third Internationale.

The first big scandal of the "jewel department" occurred in 1920, when it was discovered that diamonds valued at \$250,000 had disappeared from the department's safes in the Kremlin.

One day the Countess M. appeared before the commissioners and complained that she had seen a diamond sunburst that had once been hers about the neck of a woman on a Moscow street. She declared that it was bad enough to lose the jewels without having to see them on another woman. Investigation followed. It was discovered that many other gems were missing. Twenty officers of the department were arrested. In November, 1923, they were brought to trial.

This trial was the first important

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WEEK OF MAY 18

MONDAY and TUESDAY
ANITA STEWART in

"Baree, Son of Kazan"

James Oliver Curwood's story. A story of the great Northland
Also COMEDY
Admission 10c and 20c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
NO SHOW

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
NEAL HART in

"The Devil's Bowl"

A story which has thrills and action aplenty. Also COMEDY
Admission 10c and 20c

twisted threads a fortune lay concealed. More than \$100,000 worth of diamonds was recovered. And Madame Lupachef knits no more.—Milwaukee Journal.

In Germany today there are 59 per cent more women working than before the war, and the number of students in Germany has increased more than 100 per cent since 1914.

The organization of the Federated Farm Women of America was recently completed in Washington, D. C. The purpose of the organization is to "re-establish the peace, happiness and prosperity of the farm home".

52 TO BE GRADUATED FROM POPLAR BLUFF HIGH

Poplar Bluff, May 11.—Fifty-two students of the high school will receive diplomas next Friday night, it is announced by Supt. G. W. Beswick. This is the largest class ever graduated from Poplar Bluff High School. Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, president of the University of Missouri, will deliver the commencement address.

In Iceland whistling is forbidden as a breach of the divine law.

Scotland Yard has decided to admit women to the ranks of its Criminal Investigation Department.

Week May 18 Nights at 7:30

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SIKESTON, MISSOURI

MONDAY & TUESDAY

DOROTHY MACKAILL and JOHN BOWERS in

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Admission 15c and 35c

Note: This picture is now running in St. Louis at the Grand Central, Capitol and West End Lyric Theatres.

WEDNESDAY

VIOLA DANA, LEW CODY and MONTE BLUE in

"Revelation"

Based on Mabel Wagnall's book, "The Rosebush of a Thousand Years." The wild joys of living—and their cost.

Also NEWS and COMEDY Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY



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"The Arab"

A thousand avenging horsemen riding the wind like fury. Heroes of a death-defying race, valiant for the love of their Snek and his fair white beauty! Also JACK DEMPSEY No. 7 and INKWELL
Admission 10c and 25c

FRIDAY

VIOLA DANA and BEN LYON in

FAMILY NIGHT FAMILY NIGHT

"The Necessary Evil"

Also REVIEW and Comedy—"MY FRIEND"
Admission 10c and 30c

SATURDAY

JACK HOXIE in

"Two Fisted Jones"

Also "INTO THE NET" No. 7
MATINEE—Admission 10c and 20c
NIGHT—Admission 10c and 25c

COMING—"IF I MARRY AGAIN"



For General Wear Nothing Is More Becoming Than the Tailleur of Tan Tweed. Also a Spring Tailleur in Navy Blue Twill.

Tailored Suit Is Liked for Spring

Conservative Modes Rule—Parisian Knee-Length Popular Model.

If it is possible to select and define a type from the elaborate offering of the season's styles the fashionable figure is to be slender and young. Youth, upstanding, outstepping, expressing pride of life, even if sometimes in terms of athletics, is the ideal of the hour. Clothes must reflect this and be both chic and conventional. There is evident a standardized model, more conservative than it would be had it not been for the extremes of late seasons.

The conventionality suits the day and its ways, and a certain unmistakable refinement stamps the best among the latest styles. Lines are tempered to define simplicity and grace, and the most radical change in color models is evident. The violent colors have almost wholly disappeared, and the quiet, richer shades are now fashionable.

All the tans, browns, grays and the softer greens and taupes are used by the best designers, who are showing also some high lights in red, discreetly interpreted. For all of this uniformity and toning down there is no monotony in the present season. It is a day of individuality, of personality and of original ideas. The American woman of fashion dresses after the Parisian manner in that chances to please her, but in any event she elects to be pleased and not, as heretofore, to follow automatically.

So says a fashion writer in the New York Times.

Less Controversy. There appears to be less controversy than ever before regarding the new modes, except as to skirt length. Paris amuses herself by placing the bottom line of the skirt just below the knee, or barely over the knee. This is just what Paris did four or five years ago, with varying and entertaining results in the styles on this side. A few among the ultra-smart returning from abroad appeared in skirts of the same length they wore at the age of ten, regardless of gray or dyed locks, long or bobbed. The rebound among Americans lowered the skirt which the best couturiers prophesy will again become shortly.

The really chic woman will have her skirt hemmed seven to ten inches above the floor. Another, wishing to be more extreme, will shorten it to twelve inches, and the woman who goes in for the period costume will cut her skirts to her ankles. As to lines in the latest styles, there is much variety. In the more formal street dress the straight line is usual, the tendency toward a shaped waistline, the flare flounce and godet in the skirt is occasional.

These depend upon the designer who presents a type. Redfern clings to the uncurved, even "box" outline, and shows at the same time a fine restraint in the length of his skirts and the cut of his coats. From the house of Martial et Armand are received some uncommonly attractive models, straight, shorter and more scant of skirt, and with loose, unvaried straight-line coats. Most distinctive among Jean Patou's advance models are some spring suits of smart simplicity and uncompromisingly straight silhouette.

Many other creators of Paris styles are presenting new ideas in other types, some of which will appeal to the well-dressed American, others that suit better the taste of the Frenchwoman. Molyneux, Louise Boulanger, Douillet, Agnes and Cheruit are among the interpreters of the flare, the circular flounce and godet. Worth is

another among the designers whose latest models are more supple, yet slim and graceful. Lanvin employs much plaiting, the inverted plait for the practical purpose of giving more width, plaited panels, plaited flounces.

All of these authorities in the matter of fashions have a following among fashionable Americans, who even vary the models on occasion. The first things presented, though often done originally in silk, satin or crepe, are translated for spring into fine woolsens, kasha, wool bengaline, wool poplin, charmeuse. The more severe styles, all the variants of the tailleur are made of twills, tweeds and the Rodier fabrics. The difference of feeling and adaptation of these French models adapted for Americans are interesting, and the results are usually successful.

The type of spring suit which is having an almost universal vogue is the three-piece, known by the much-overworked name of "ensemble." It is three-piece only in the sense that the frock takes the place of skirt and blouse which were required in the original tailored suit. The new crepes and silks, the many artistic printed things are used for this.

The figured material of the dress harmonizes with the coat of wool, of silk, satin, or whatever, and some of the coat's material is often seen on the dress—a narrow collar, a band on the sleeve, some form of trimming on the skirt. The coat invariably is lined with the same material as that of the dress. This constitutes the popular "ensemble." Its variations are numberless, many of them delightful. The fashionable shades of beige, tan, yellow, gray and light brown combine in soft harmonies of color with the new printed crepes, which are more artistic than any that ever have been shown for this style of costume.

The grounds of these usually are in soft tones of ivory, beige or pearl, on which the patterns in all the new colors, with sharp points of black or scarlet, are shown in effective relief. The favorite materials have a soft, finely rough surface like the old-style camel's-hair so much worn by women of refined taste. Kasha, its descendant, is the most fashionable fabric of the year, the lightest weave being shown for spring, and natural kasha, an indefinite mixture in beige, is absolutely all the rage. A long, straight, supple coat of natural kasha over a frock of beige crepe printed in a Brandt design of rich brown, black or scarlet or one of small conventionalized floral pattern, the coat lining also of the crepe, represents the best type of the season's mode.

Two-Piece Model Popular. The two-piece is another successful model, less formal than the three-piece, but smart and practical for many occasions. It is much used for sports suits, of course, with the many styles of separate skirts, overblouses, sweaters, tailored shirts and waistcoats. But some lovely, softly made frocks are accomplished with skirt and dressy overblouse or tunic. These as well as the three-piece suits are made of the light-weight woolsens and of the rich heavy silks that are equally suitable for gowns or wraps. With these frocks a separate coat is required, which may be of a color that will harmonize with several dresses.

While the vogue of figured silks is keen and wide, the plain colors are seen in some of the handsomest models, some of the prominent designers evidently preferring to be unique in offering something different from the prevailing type. Molyneux, for instance, has done a charming three-piece gown slightly godeted, coat with flaring skirt, all in one creamy shade of beige crepe faille. A pretty "ensemble" from Agnes is built of wool poplin in light tan, the entire outfit in two materials, plain and a self-toned plaid of the wool, the coat being lined with silk of the same shade.

The AMERICAN LEGION

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STIBOLT SUFFERED FORTY LEG WOUNDS

More than forty wounds in the legs led Noble Stibolt from the paths of a traveling salesman to those of the law. Today he is succeeding as an attorney in the capacity of inspector for the American Surety company of New York city, is highly pleased with his position and says he has better prospects of getting ahead than he would have had if the World War had not changed the course of his career.

Stibolt was wounded by fragments of a high explosive shell in the St. Mihiel drive of Sept. 12, 1918. After returning to civilian life, he attempted to cover his old territory as a hat salesman. But his legs couldn't stand up under the strain of walking all day. Stibolt, who is a member of North Shore post of the American Legion in



Noble Stibolt.

Chicago, declares that the conscientious efforts of the government agencies given the herculean task of rehabilitating the disabled will surely be appreciated by the men more and more as time goes on.

"The American Legion is in a great measure responsible for this wonderful work, and they certainly deserve the support of the citizenry for the important role which they have played in helping rehabilitate the thousands of incapacitated men, thereby fitting them for life's battle on an equal basis with their fellowmen," he wrote to national headquarters in Indianapolis recently.

Plans for Monuments Laid Before Congress

Final plans of the American Legion Battle Monuments commission towards marking the battlefields abroad and commemorating the activities of American troops overseas have been laid before congress, according to legislative officials of the American Legion in Washington.

The plans call for beautification of the American cemeteries, commemorative monuments to the members of all American organizations which participated in the major American operations, historical monuments to record important operations of American divisions, a monument at home to commemorate the activities of the army and naval forces of the United States in Italy and surrounding waters, erection of tablets to mark locations of headquarters of the American expeditionary force and two memorials and three monuments to commemorate naval activities.

The commission contemplates the expenditure of \$3,000,000 to carry out its plans.

The Legion has taken a leading part in the work of the commission since it was created by act of congress in 1922. Several Legionnaires are on the commission, including Gen. John J. Pershing, chairman; and Thomas W. Miller, president of the Finance organization of inter-allied veterans.

Harmon Playgrounds Are Awarded to Many Cities

Many cities throughout the country have recently been awarded Harmon Foundation playgrounds through the instrumentality of their local American Legion posts. The latest instances of awards being made were in Dillon and Marion, S. C., where the Legion posts took a leading part in securing the playgrounds. The post officials had been working for the gifts ever since the Harmon Foundation published notice about a year ago that 50 awards would be made to qualified cities. More than 1,000 applications were made from all parts of the United States.

Patience Is a Virtue

"Your wife is surely taking on weight." "Don't see how she does it, staying up till three or four o'clock in the morning." "Good heavens! Why does she stay up that late?" "Waiting for me."—American Legion Weekly.

Blackleg of Potato Can Be Controlled

Formaldehyde or Corrosive Sublimate Favored.

Potato blackleg, one of the most destructive of tuber diseases, can be controlled by treating the seed pieces with hot formaldehyde or corrosive sublimate, provided the seed pieces are planted immediately or are kept out of reach of a certain small fly until they are planted.

This fly lays its eggs in great abundance about the time potatoes are being planted. If it happens to lay them upon seed potatoes and such seed is planted, the eggs hatch out what is known as the seed-corn maggot, so called because when first discovered it was attacking corn seedlings. According to J. G. Leach of the division of plant pathology, Minnesota College of Agriculture, the eggs contain the blackleg organism when they are deposited. Then as the maggot bores into the seed piece it carries with it the bacteria which first rot the seed and then spread to the stem of the plant, causing it also to rot and die.

"The maggots feed upon the bacteria as well as the decaying tuber," says Doctor Leach. "The bacteria remain in the intestinal tract of the maggot until it pupates and makes its way to the surface of the ground where it develops into the adult fly. Thus the insect carries the blackleg bacteria with it at all times."

Capacity of a Silo Is Matter of Importance

The capacity of the silo is a matter of importance. Unless one is keeping at least ten cows the cost of the silo is usually not justified. A round silo, 28 feet high, will hold the silage for about a dozen cows during the usual feeding season. A good standard size ranges from 14 to 16 feet in diameter and 30 to 32 feet high. Under ordinary conditions cows eat from 30 to 40 pounds of silage a day, according to their size and condition of lactation. A farmer can easily estimate how much capacity is needed, on the basis of this amount to be fed per head. If one has 30 cows to feed, then about 1,050 pounds a day would be required, and for a feeding season of seven months or 210 days, 220,500 pounds or 110 tons. A round silo 30 feet deep and 16 feet in diameter inside holds about 120 tons. The capacity of the silo should enable one to feed from the surface daily to a depth sufficient to prevent molding. This is usually placed at around 1½ to 2 inches. In recent years some silo owners on high-priced lands, and not pasturing, feed silage every month, beginning to feed just as soon as the silo is filled, and keeping it up until next filling. Others feed the entire year excepting during the flush of pasture in May and June.

Alfalfa Profitable Crop for Use in Any Section

While farmers are growing a good deal of alfalfa they do not grow one-tenth enough. It is by far the best uncultivated crop we can grow, and usually returns as much profit per acre as corn, wheat, or any other cultivated crop.

As a hay crop it is second to none, yielding as high as four tons to the acre in favorable years and never less than two tons. It is liked by every animal on the farm from chickens to horses, and they will leave their grain to eat good alfalfa hay, if it is within their reach. Give calves all the alfalfa hay they will eat after they are four months old and they will thrive on it. It is almost a necessity for milk cows. It doesn't matter what you feed a cow, if you leave the alfalfa out she will decrease in the flow of milk at once.

FARM FACTS

Prevent weeds from seeding. Blessed is a gardener who delights in spring catalogues.

A large part of every farmer's mental capital should be the experiences of others.

Plow pasture lands and improve them, draining wet spots and building up poor spots.

Kohl-rabi is an early season vegetable when at its best, or a late fall one. Put in some seed early.

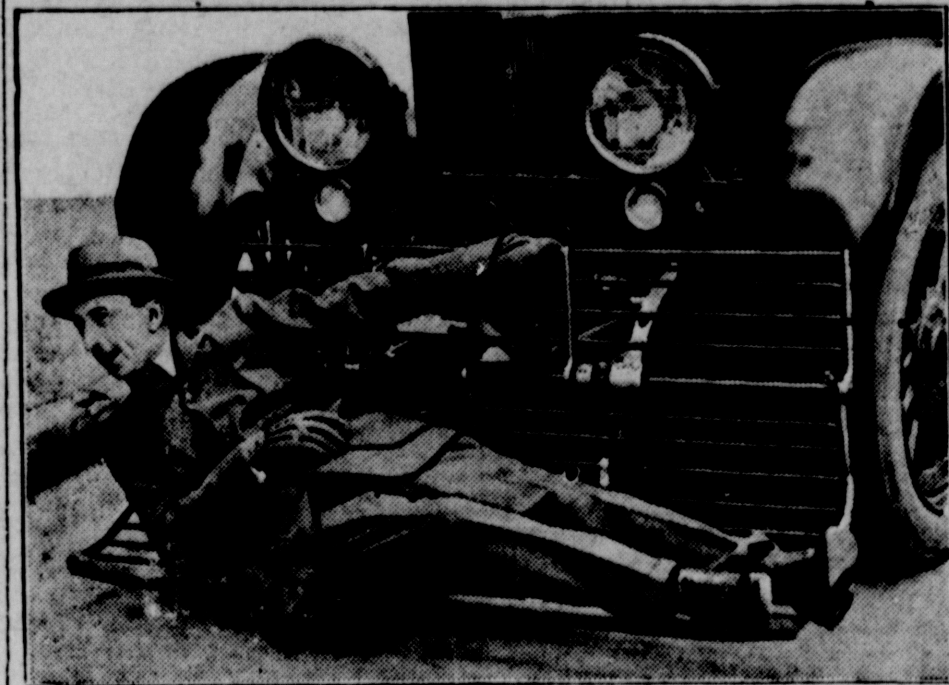
It takes about six pounds of seed corn to plant an acre. This means that about sixteen ears for each acre to be planted are necessary.

Use oats as a nurse crop for sweet clover rather than barley. In either case the nurse crop should be seeded at about one-half the normal rate of planting.

Perennial vegetables and small fruits may be profitably fertilized with a good dressing of stable manure. Be liberal with the application and cultivate it into the soil early in the spring.

Running a farm garden is no longer a boy's job. It plays such an important part in keeping the cost of living down on the farm that every farmer can afford to take a few days off in the early part of the season to plow and plant the garden.

NEW SAFETY FENDER FOR AUTOS INVENTED



A new protective fender for automobiles called the national safety fender, was recently demonstrated by the bureau of public safety of the police department. The fender which projects about the same distance as an ordinary bumper is said to be positive in action and will protect a pedestrian from going under the wheels. The fender drops on contact or by control of driver. Photograph shows J. A. Ridaway picked up by the fender.

REMOVING PAINT FROM MOTOR CAR

Practical Plan Outlined for Cleaning Auto, Tractor or Machinery.

To remove the paint from the motor car body, tractor or farm machinery for repainting, coat with a paste made of lye as follows:

Dissolve six heaping tablespoonsful of cornstarch in three quarts of water in a wooden pail or stone crock and in another container dissolve one can of lye. Pour the lye solution into the cornstarch very slowly, being careful to stir well all the time. This will make a thick paste without lumps.

Put Paste on Surface.

Paint on the surface from which the paint is to be removed with an old brush or swab, putting it on in an even thick coat. If on the body of an auto, it is best to first remove the fenders and running boards or to cover them with a thick coat of grease. A small section should be covered with the paste at one time and should be left on until it shows signs of drying. It then can be scraped off with a putty knife, wire brush or steel wool. If all the paint does not come off, a second or third coat must be given.

Fenders or cars with enameled bodies have the enamel baked on and it is not practical to remove this without placing in a tank of strong lye solution which is kept boiling. Wire wheels from which the paint is to be removed are best treated in this manner.

Clean Small Parts.

To remove paint from small parts of the tractor or farm machinery, hang them in a tub of a solution made by dissolving one can of lye in each gallon of water. The paint on such parts is much easier to remove than from the auto body and with very little labor your tractor or mower can be made to look like new. This will also clean all the grease or oil from the parts and leave a clean surface to paint over. Wash well with plenty of water all parts before repainting.

Do not use this remover on aluminum parts or on cars with aluminum bodies. All aluminum trimmings as on the running boards must be protected with a thick covering of grease.

Modus Operandi of Tire Repairing Is Outlined

A word as to the modus operandi of tire mending may not be out of place. The cut to be plugged or vulcanized must always be thoroughly cleaned in the first place. A cloth soaked in gasoline is the best medium for cleaning the cut. If it is a deep one the cloth may be used on the end of a screwdriver.

After the cut and the surrounding area have been thoroughly cleaned and are dry a coat of cement is applied to the sides and bottom. After this has dried another coat is put on, and when this has dried the tire filler is applied. A bit of the filler is worked into the cut with the blade of a knife or a screwdriver. In case the tire must be used on the road immediately a small piece of cloth or paper should be cemented over the repair to keep dirt from being picked up.

No car should go on the road without a complete tire repair outfit, portable vulcanizer, cement, filler, patches, etc. These outfits may be had in a variety of forms and they will repay their cost times over.

Reduce Wearing

To secure uniform wear from a set of tires, change them around about once a month. It is particularly important to reverse the rear tires. After the rear tires are worn down reverse them with the front. The increased wear on tires is actually caused by the pitch of the road, which throws more of the car on the right side than on the left. The round of the road from curve to curve is far more important in determining the sequence in which tires normally wear out—right rear, left rear, right front, left front—than are gutter wear and abrasions from grinding off and on pavements.

Noise of Squeaky Brake May Be Remedied Easily

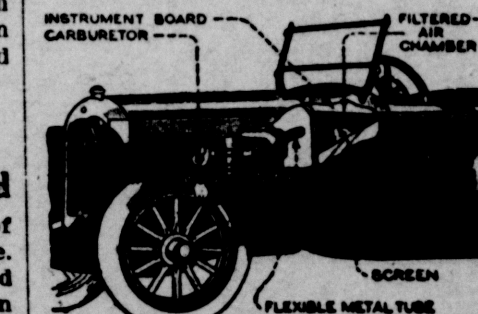
When a brake squeaks it shows that it is not doing its work efficiently, as correct braking operations consist of a smooth gripping action without squeaks or chatter. Chatter is caused by an alternative gripping and releasing of the bands on the drums. This is caused partly by the design of the bands and partly by the method of fastening the linings. As the bands are open on one side, they cannot conform to the shape of the drums unless they are of the right shape.

If, when the pedal is pressed, the bands start to wrap from the bottom and continue upward on both sides, the chances of chatter are not so great. But if the bands take hold first at the top, the slack on both sides must be taken up first before they will lie flat on the drums, producing chatter. If the bands are bent or kinked when the linings are attached, they will not grip the drums evenly, producing chatter and uneven wear.

Squeaks are caused by the linings becoming hard and glazed, due to the friction and the application of pressure which presses the grit into the linings. Roughing the surface of the linings with a saw blade or coarse file will usually remedy the trouble, says Automotive Digest. Probably an easier way is to apply a mixture of castor oil and powdered resin to the linings. The former acts as a softener, while the latter increases the frictional resistance.

Carburetor Air Filter Keeps Out Much Grit

Analysis of the incombustible deposit in the cylinder of an auto engine, after the carbon had been burned out, showed it to consist of ordinary sand, clay dust and limestone dust, which had undoubtedly been drawn into the motor through the carburetor. As the sand is highly abrasive, it is obviously responsible for most of the wear on pistons, rings and cylinder walls. The entrance of sand and dust into the carburetor air intake can be prevented by providing a filter of the kind shown in the drawing. This method has been tried out and found highly satisfactory. The space between the dash and instrument board was used as a filtered-air chamber and was connected to the carburetor air intake



Air Filter on Carburetor Keeps Grit Out of Motor.

with a length of flexible metal tubing. This space was sealed to prevent air from coming in except through the filter, which was provided in the bottom. It consisted of several layers of closely woven cloth, with a piece of wire screen to make the filter more rigid. After a day's run a painful dust was brushed from the underside of the filter. Later, when carbon was again burned out, there was no trace of any unburned deposit.—R. P. Cole, Paterson, N. J., in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Cooling System in Need of Thorough Cleansing

To give a thorough cleansing to the cooling system, disconnect the short section of hose between bottom of the radiator and pump, connect the garage hose to the water pump and a longer section of hose to the bottom pipe of the radiator and lead it outside of the truck. Plug the overflow tube with a cork or rubber stopper. Turn on the water after starting the engine, and it should be pumped through the water jacket and radiator till it runs clear. If the radiator and water jacket of the engine are found to contain considerable scale or rust, it may be necessary to flush the system out with a solution of hot water and washing soda and it may even be desirable to allow the washing soda solution to remain in the water system overnight to make sure the scale is loosened.—Scientific American.

WAR DEBT FUNDING BY FRENCH EXPECTED

Paris, May 13.—The first active negotiations for funding the French war debt to the United States will begin within fifteen days, it was learned authoritatively today.

Foreign Minister Briand and Finance Minister Caillaux are in favor of reaching an agreement with Washington regarding French debts without further delay. The form in which the negotiations will be conducted is undecided, but it is indicated they will be directed through established diplomatic channels rather than by a special French envoy to the United States.

It was confirmed in official circles that conversations have been continuing ever since former Ambassador Jusserand broached the debt question at Washington, but these have been of rather intangible character. It now is expected concrete propositions will be formed before the end of the month.

Washington, May 13.—At the State Department the statement was authorized that no official confirmation of the French intention had as yet been received from the Paris Embassy or through any other channel.

An official report from Ambassador Herick is awaited in order that the nature of the plan of settlement to be advanced may be ascertained fully and given preliminary consideration before actual negotiations are initiated.

The French Government is already advised that the Washington Government cannot view as acceptable any proposal to assign to it annuities due to France under the Dawes plan on reparations accounts. It has been made clear that the United States in dealing with the French debt would regard the debt refunding agreement with Great Britain as a standard on which to model a similar agreement with the Paris Government.

The advices from Paris were received with undisguised gratification in Washington.

While treasury officials were without information further than that supplied them by the Associated Press, they assumed that the French were giving consideration to renewal of conversations substantially where former Ambassador Jesserand left them.

Belief in this possibility was strengthened by the statement from Paris that the negotiations would take place through established diplomatic channels. The idea also was advanced that the French authorities in taking such a step would profoundly influence French credit throughout the world.

80 LOTS IN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION SOLD THIS WEEK

All of the 80 lots in the new Tanner addition were sold between Monday and Thursday of this week, practically all being sold in two days, Dan McCoy, sales manager for the lots said Thursday. The lots were nearly all sold on the installment plan with monthly payments of \$5 or \$10.

About 200 acres of the Tanner estate near the high school comprised the addition.

The platting of the land was done by W. H. Tanner. The lots were priced at \$250 apiece.

At 5:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, thirty present were given away on the grounds to holders of tickets given out during the sale.

Poplar Bluff Hotel Sold

Poplar Bluff, May 13.—The American Hotel, one of the largest in Poplar Bluff, was sold yesterday to Mrs. J. F. Chambers of this city. She assumed charge immediately. The consideration was not announced.

The Standard, \$1.50 per year. Do your marketing at Patterson-Imman's.

Coffee that starts the day right is sold at Patterson-Imman's.

Fresh clean and sweet, good things to eat at Patterson-Imman's.

FOR SALE—Cafe, 712 Prosperity. Cheap if sold at once.—H. A. McCoy, 2t.

In Germany today there are 59 per cent more women working than before the war, and the number of students in Germany has increased more than 100 per cent since 1914.

The name of Doris Gilbert was inadvertently left out of the list of Sikeston High School graduates in Tuesday's edition. Supt. R. V. Ellise says Miss Gilbert should be included.

Rev. R. L. Duckworth and Rev. D. E. Cannaday of Cape Girardeau were in Sikeston Wednesday to transact business in connection with the Young People's Conference to be held in Advance May 29-31.

Nearly 1400 devices have been patented by women in this country.

France boasts of having more women aviators than any other country in the world.

PERSONAL NEWS

Of Town and Country

Patterson-Inman sells good fresh meats.

Joe Stubbs was in Cape Girardeau Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer and children spent Sunday in Charleston.

Miss Elsa Reese of St. Louis is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. S. Corzine.

Mrs. James Kevil entertained a number of friends at Bridge Wednesday.

Misses Helen Grojean and Ruby Evans visited in Charleston Tuesday night.

Mrs. Earl Pate will be hostess to the Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club this week.

Mrs. Charles Prow will entertain the Menalunk Bridge Club Friday afternoon.

E. A. Bandy is attending a business meeting of the Pierce Petroleum Corporation at St. Louis.

Mrs. Wayman Luten of Union City, Tenn. and Mrs. Joe Howlett of Charleston were visitors here Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Skillman and Mrs. Frank Van Horne left Wednesday night for a few days in St. Louis.

Mrs. Florence Marshall, Mrs. W. S. Smith, Miss Kate Austin and Ben F. Marshall drove to Cape Girardeau Thursday.

Mrs. M. G. Gresham reports an interesting case of bees, which swarmed in her yard this week. The bees hived themselves in a hive left from last year.

Mrs. Moore Greer entertained at dinner Tuesday night for Misses Lucy Godsey, Frances Caldwell, Irene Loenneke, Adilda McCord, Susan Hay and Ruth Wilkerson.

Miss Vanita Gockel, of Jackson, who has been the guest of Miss Hyacinth Sheppard, left Tuesday morning for Poplar Bluff and Puxico, before returning to her home.

Some tire expert with nimble fingers took the best tire off of Miss Susie Hay's coupe Tuesday night while it was parked in front of G. M. Greer's home. A wrench from one of Mr. Greer's cars, which stood nearby, was used to remove the tire. The extra tire was not bothered, so the thief evidently knew exactly what he wanted. Miss Hay did not discover her loss until she had started the motor and was ready to drive home.

COLORED SCHOOL HOLDS EXERCISES THIS WEEK

Mrs. C. A. Curry has announced the program for the colored school commencement from May 17-22. The introductory sermon will be given by the Rev. R. J. Johnson at 2:30 Sunday at the colored Baptist Church.

Wednesday and Wednesday night an exhibit of industrial, literary and domestic art work at the school building. Thursday night, the grades will give a special program, a play entitled "All A Mistake".

On Friday night, the students will give a drama in four acts, "The Dust of the Earth". The cast of characters is as follows:

David Moore, of Maple Farm Cottage Walter Griffin
Susan Moore, his wife Roberta Randolph
Elizabeth, their daughter Lucy Taylor

Jerry, their son Daniel Curry
Rev. Dr. Templeton, a young divine George Russell

Miss Arbella, the village newspaper Bessie Hunter
John Ryder, the young master of the Maples C. J. Dixon

Wandering Tom, a mystery C. C. Lytle
Old Mose, his companion Eddie Smith

Nell, "The Dust of the Earth" Mahalia Brown

Synopsis—Wandering Tom, who is a mystery to all, through the identity of Nell's locket and dress which was once worn by Nell's deceased mother, regains consciousness after being in a semi-conscious state for more than eighteen years as a result of a fall which he received while mountain climbing in Switzerland. Through constant association with Nell, who was considered by her uncle David's wife and his daughter, Elizabeth, as The Dust of the Earth, Wandering Tom recognizes that he is the long lost Thomas Osbourne, the father of Nell and the original owner of the Maples estate. John Ryder, the heir, becomes a pauper in a day and Nell becomes rich.

Walter Clymer and Gord Dill visited at Vienna, Ill., Thursday of last week and called to see their old teacher that they went to 26 years ago. Gord reports the visit a very pleasant one, but wondered if the old teacher remembered the many whippings he gave to both he and Clymer.

TO START WORK ON SPORTSMAN'S PARK

Fifty men under the supervision of the Conn Construction Co., of Charleston will start to work Monday on the buildings for the Sportman's Park Association grounds about 3/4 mile east of Skeston. Building materials have been hauled on the grounds this week. An open air theatre and dancing pavillion 60x120 feet, refreshment stands and a bath house are to be built this season.

The Park, which is being opened about June 12, is planned and owned by a company of Cairo and St. Louis men, C. B. Watson being the only Skeston man in the firm. The site is that of the old tile factory and contains about eight acres.

On the grounds is a lake of about an acre and three-quarters. In some places this lake is 20 feet deep, being fed by underground streams. There is a sand beach of 150 feet and a wharf will be built for boats to be rented.

The company intends to make a specialty of school and church picnic crowds. The park will be open about five months of the year. Over \$30,000 will be spent in all. Next year the company will have more time to improve the grounds. They intend to put out more shade this fall.

A bonded officer will be on the grounds at all times and strict order will be kept. Mr. Watson, who is the local representative of the firm, has had much experience in the amusement business, having at one time been connected with the Delmar Gardens in St. Louis.

MILLER BUILDING TO BE STARTED MONDAY

John Miller, contractor of Illinois, will start work Monday on the two-story hotel building which he is erect on Kingshighway next to the Stubbs Motor Co. Mr. Miller will bring his construction outfit from some town in Illinois.

The building is to be brick, two-story, 100x120 feet. The lower floor is to be used for store buildings and the office and lobby of a 50-room hotel.

Mrs. T. A. Slack returned Sunday from a month's visit with her parents at Venita, Okla.

MISSOURI LIVESTOCK DEATH RATE LOWER

Jefferson City, May 13.—Missouri livestock conditions are much better this spring than a year ago, with a strong decrease in losses from disease and exposure, according to Dr. Homer A. Wilson, State veterinarian. The May condition of all classifications of stock is pleasing, he said, due to unusually good pastures and the absence of serious outbreaks of disease.

The average losses per thousand of horses and mules for the last year were only 10 head, as against 13 at this period last year, reports show. The mortality among cattle, due to disease, has decreased from 16 to 12 head per thousand in the last twelve months, while losses from exposure has dropped from eight to six.

The ravages of hog cholera has killed only 21 head per thousand during the last year, while a year ago reports showed losses of 43 head per thousand. Mortality among hogs due to all classes of diseases has dropped from 33 to 24 head.

ANITA STEWART IN BIG FILM

In "Baree, Son of Kazan", which comes to The Grand Theatre on next Monday and Tuesday, Anita Stewart makes her debut as a Vitagraph star, and she has the support of a superior cast. Two well known players in the production had also roles in Vitagraph's adaptation of Rafael Sabatini's "Captain Blood", and before that in several other pictures produced by David Smith, who made also this one.

Joseph Rickson, who appears in "Baree, Son of Kazan", as Pierrot, father of Nepeese, the French-Indian girl impersonated by Miss Stewart, was Hagthorpe, the chief gunner, in "Captain Blood". Of other Vitagraph attractions, he played the sheriff in "Pioneer Trails", and Tom Chavis in "The Code of the Wilderness". He had important roles, too, in "The Border Patrol", with Harry Carey, and "The Riders of the Purple Sage", with Tom Mix.

Jack Curtiss, remembered for his impressive work as Wolverstone, the mutinous buccaneer in "Captain Blood", has the heavy role, that of McTaggart, the post factor, in "Baree". He had important parts in such earlier Vitagraph productions as "The Courage of Marge O'Doone".

Donald Keith, everywhere recognized as one of the coming men of the screen, and already commanding a large following, appears as James Carvell, who figures in the romance with Nepeese. Mr. Keith played with Miss Stewart once before. He also had a conspicuous part in "Secrets" with Norma Talmadge.

James O'Neil impersonate Tuboa, the old Indian who rescues Nepeese from the icy river in one of the most moving episodes. He has attracted much favorable attention in recent years as the interpreter of Indian roles.

GIRLS GIVE HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER FOR MISS McCORD

Misses Virginia McCary and Camille Bloomfield held a surprise handkerchief shower for Miss Adilda McCord at 3:30 Thursday afternoon at Miss McCary's home on William St. About twenty-five girls presented Miss McCord with gifts in behalf of their appreciation of her work here as teacher. The invited guests were: Lois Haw Tanner, Ann Beck, Maxine Finley, Virginia Mount, Ruth Inez Felker, Imogene Albritton, Rose Nell Stephens, Lola Lydy, Mary Stepp, Ilean Beck, Virginia Crain, Rebecca Baker, Hazel Lumsden, Elizabeth Patterson, Mildred Ables, Edith Becker, Vernetta Smith, Marcella Jennings, Audrey Reiss, Bernice Lee, Florence Withrow, Virginia Miley, Anna Ryan and Jessie Carr.

WOMEN TO HAVE FAT SLIM BASEBALL CONTEST

Next Wednesday afternoon Skeston will enjoy a very novel exhibition in baseball playing, when the Fat-Slim contest between local women will be played at the Fair Grounds. The game, which ought to provide a side-splitting laugh, is being put on by the Russell-Bradley Society. Tickets will be on sale soon and the line-up will be announced in a later edition.

The home runs smoothly that buys at Patterson-Inman's.

Miss Lillian Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shields, has been given an honor in the May Queen Festival at Christian College, which takes place this month. Miss Shields will sing one of the solos of welcome to the Queen.

FOR SALE—Airedale puppies, eligible to register. Seven weeks old. White W. D. Howard, New Madrid, Mo. Phone 89. 2tpd.

Base Ball

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Skeston vs. Dexter

2:30 PROMPTLY

Admission: Adults 50c

Children 6 to 12, 25c

WILL HAVE CHICKENS FOR SALE SATURDAY

Due to my unavoidable absence on last Saturday, my market did not have a supply of dressed chickens as advertised. We will have a good supply this week.—JNO. R. SELLARDS.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and acquaintances in Skeston for their many kindnesses and the beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our father, John H. Davis. Pat Davis and family Grady Davis

Staple and fancy groceries at Patterson-Inman's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lawrence spent the past week-end in Blytheville, Ark.

Mrs. F. A. Denton and Miss Alfredda Denton went to St. Louis Saturday. Mrs. Denton remaining for an extended visit with her aunt.

Green Greer, G. M. Greer, Frank Van Horne, Joe Stubbs, L. M. Stallcup and C. F. McMullin attended court at Jackson this week.

C. C. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Buchanan and son Bryan, spent Saturday and Sunday in Metropolis, Ill., at the Vaughn Singing Convention.

Canned goods, fresh groceries and meats at Patterson-Inman's.

Dr. B. F. Blanton has purchased 10 1/2 feet of ground from the north side of the E. J. Keith place on North Ranney St. In making improvements to his residence the past summer, Dr. Blanton's house was brought close to the strip of ground purchased and now he has ample yard room on that side of his house. The price paid was \$250.00.

Drive down Malone Avenue and buy at Patterson-Inman's.

BUYS FIREWORKS FOR WHIZ BANG CELEBRATION

John A. Young, director of the Southeast Missouri Fair Association, and chairman of the fireworks committee, has recently purchased the largest fireworks display ever shown in this section for the Whiz Bang celebration here July 3 and 4. Last year the committee bought a \$100 display, this year \$400 has been invested.

Charles L. Blanton, Jr., is now receiving bids for concession space for the third annual Whiz Bang celebration. J. C. Simpson, general representative of the D. D. Murphy Shows, was in Skeston Wednesday and contracted with the Fair Association to bring his company here September 30, October 1-3 for the 20th Fair of this Association.

The Murphy Shows is the second largest carnival in the United States. It carries seventeen paid attractions, nine riding devices, two uniformed bands, five free acts and fifty concessions.

SKESTON MARKET REPORT QUOTED THURSDAY, MAY 14

No. 2 red wheat\$1.70
No. 2 yellow corn1.03
No. 2 white corn1.01
No. 2 mixed corn1.00
Butter, per lb.35
Eggs, per doz.25

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Mrs. N. B. Augelo and son of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Davis and Miss Vesta Corzine, of Anna Ill. spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Corzine.

Mrs. Lyman Bowman and Miss Mildred Bowman returned Wednesday from Fulton, Mo., where they visited Jack and Bill Bowman, who are students at Westminster College.

BAND PLAYS TO GOOD CROWD AT BENEFIT SHOW

A good crowd attended the benefit show for the Skeston Band at the Malone Theatre Wednesday night. The band, which plans to start its summer concerts in the Malone Park the latter part of this month, showed excellent training in playing five or six selections at the benefit.

The band of about 20 pieces, directed by E. F. Williams, gave a short concert outside the theatre early in the evening. The program inside the theatre consisted of two numbers, a waltz "Olive" and a fox trot, "Kentucky Bungalow". The band's part of the proceeds will be used to buy summer uniforms.

Mrs. Green Lescher sang Wednesday night, also. All of the music met with applause from an appreciative audience.

Mrs. Carl Freeman was in Cape Girardeau Wednesday. A trip to town on Saturday is not complete unless you visit Patterson-Inman's.

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Arabian Dancing Girls

"The Arabian dancing girls," a traveler explains, "are born to their profession. Many of them had dancing mothers. Others are dedicated to the profession by their mothers when they are but babies. While there are no dancing schools, these children practice continually, imitating from earliest childhood the steps and movements of the dancers, until they are highly skilled in it themselves."

"Unlike the other Arab women, these dancing girls appear with their faces uncovered. They wear heavy and voluminous skirts, like old-fashioned European dresses. They are frequently very plain, decorated only by the bangles and chains. While the girls are no more beautiful than other girls, they have exceeding charm, which makes them very delightful."

Greeks and Paint

The Greeks recognized the value of paint as a preservative and made use of something akin to it on their ships. Pliny writes of the mode of boiling wax and painting ships with it, after which, he continues, "neither the sea, nor the wind, nor the sun can destroy the wood thus protected."

The Romans, being essentially a warlike people, never brought the decoration of buildings to the high point it had reached with the Greeks. For all that the ruins of Pompeii show many structures whose mural decorations are in fair shape today. The colors used were glaring; a black background was the usual one, and the combinations worked thereon were red, yellow and blue.

Dollar Courtship

John McBeth had secured a license to marry Mary Manning, but the intended bride changed her mind, and six weeks later John made his second appearance in the clerk's office.

"Mister Johnson, in February I got a license from you to marry Mary Manning, and I didn't marry her. An' now, please your honor, would ye be so good as to alter it so it would fit Ellen McWatty?"

"No, you must get a new license to fit Ellen."

"And pay for it?"

"Certainly."

"Ah, mon, I'm ruined entirely. Fur I just courted Ellen to save the dollar."—Youth's Companion.

Had Them All Beaten

Three elders of a Glasgow kirk fell to discussing the merits of the sermons of their minister.

"He's wonderful," said the senior. "I mind him preachin' three sermons frae one text."

"But that's naething tae auld Thomas," said another. "I mind him preachin' six sermons frae the shortest text in the Book."

"Oh," said the third man, puffing slowly and thoughtfully at his pipe, "that's naething tae ma wife. She's been preachin' at me for 20 years frae nae text at a'."

Cabmen's Patron Saint

Saint Flacre is the patron of Parisian cabbies. He was an Irishman of the Seventh century when though Ireland was Christian most of Europe was barbarian. He was granted an estate at Breuil, in France—as much land as he might surround in one day with a furrow. Legend says that he used a crozier to cut the furrow. It was by a roundabout way that the saint gave his name to the French cab. A famous hotel in Paris adopted the monk as its patron saint, and it was at the sign of Saint Flacre that the first of these vehicles began plying for hire.—Family Herald.

The Shot Direct

Mr. Boom and Mr. Steady were business enemies, but chance had placed them on the same board of directors.

One day, after a meeting, Mr. Boom was holding forth.

"There are hundreds of ways of making money," he said, provocatively. "Yes," put in Mr. Steady, "but only one honest way."

"What way's that?" asked Mr. Boom, sharply.

"Ah!" retorted Mr. Steady. "I thought you wouldn't know it!"

In Burma, girls cannot enter society until they wear ear plugs.

Motor vehicles on the English roads now number 20,000 more than twelve months ago. The total number is 1,269,606.

Starting work in 1876, Margaret McGurn has been employed continuously ever since by the Marshall Field store in Chicago.

The first wedding ceremony officially performed in England or Wales by a woman recently took place at a London register office.

Somebody at the postoffice today was discussing the children of Jefferson Potlocks, and remarked that while Jeff's next to the youngest boy was too fat, he might shrink some when washed.

EXCURSIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

The Conclusion of the Matter
I COULD not intelligently bring this series of papers to a close without forming a few generalizations for the purpose of helping those whose excursions in correspondence have been less extensive than my own.

I have come to see that letters may have as distinct a personality as human beings, or perhaps it would be better to say that they are capable of revealing a personality. When you take the envelope into your hand, even before you open the letter, if you are a keen observer, you can gain some idea of the character of the man who has written the letter, especially if the letter is written in long hand. The form and dress of a letter may tell as much about the writer as do the dress and the manners of an individual. A letter, by its form, may show orderliness, judgment, regard for detail, business efficiency, or it may show the opposite.

A friend of mine is being considered for a prominent executive position, for the filling of which, he is in many ways qualified. The character of his mind is shown to no small degree by his exterior, and by the character of his dress—the envelope, as it were. His hands are not always neatly kept, his hair is a mop of tangled grass, his clothes are soiled, and look as if he went to bed with his boots on. He is a little careless in speech and thought, a little lacking in the delicate refinements of social intercourse. His exterior reveals that at once, and so a letter may reveal its writer.

I had a letter this morning from a man who wishes to become the pastor of the church of which I am a member. It was badly arranged, without order or form. It looked like a young school boy's composition. I wondered if it did not show to a great extent the character of the man's mind, and suggest the way in which his sermons would be ordered.

Form counts in letter writing, as in human relationships; materials reveal the man, just as clothing does.

Letter writing is something more than the mere communication of facts and mechanical details by written characters from one individual to another. It is even in the most trivial business letter, or it may be, the revealing of one personality to another. We should write letters with the purpose of selling one's products to the other man. These may be varied in character—automobiles, love, oil stock, friendship, groceries, bonds, sympathy, appreciation—whatever it may be. Sometimes our only purpose is to be understood, sometimes we want to influence the judgment or the will, at others to develop interest, and arouse emotion, and to persuade.

I had a beautiful letter from a boy this morning. I had helped him a good deal; I had dragged him back once or twice from intellectual and moral failure, and he was now climbing up slowly, but surely, to success. What he wanted to show me in his letter was gratitude, appreciation. He wanted to make it clear to me that he understood what I had been trying to do for him, and that he would never forget it, and he did the job very well.

There was another letter from a man who wanted to sell me my winter's supply of coal. His was a very specific letter, logical and direct. It was made up of figures, of statistics, of relative prices, of the results of chemical analysis, with a final emphasis on the importance of making the deal quickly, and taking advantage of the market. He got off onto no by-roads, he was guilty of no flight of imagination, he had in mind the one object of selling me coal, and he stuck to that religiously. Unfortunately I had already bought my coal, or I am sure his logic would have won my trade.

To write the best letter, one must know his man, and must study what will most strongly appeal to him, and so the best letter is always a personal one. If I write to you the same letter that I send to a thousand other people, it will be like a proprietary medicine concocted to do something for every malady, but there will be little that is personal in it. There will be a large mortality in the lists of those to whom the stock letter is sent.

There are infinite possibilities in the writing of letters—in doing business, in forming friendships and keeping them, in influencing character, in revealing personality. It is an art that can be learned, but the learning will require close observation, care, the exercise of judgment and good taste. It will require a knowledge of the individual and application of that knowledge to the individual, but when once learned it is one of the most valuable assets that a man can have.

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The Last Straw

Some time ago a railroad was under construction in one of the rural districts of Nova Scotia. It was decided that fences be built on each side of the track to protect the farmers' cattle, the railroad and farmers to share equally in the cost. One of the farmers stoutly refused to pay his share until one day a neighbor remarked: "I hear these train engines are going to have cow catchers." That settled it. "They're not going to get my cows if I know it." So saying the old man hurried home, counted out his portion and sent it to the railroad company.—*Farmer Magazine.*

Maggie and the Will

By VERA M. JONES

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MAGGIE FLANNERY'S anxious gaze was turned on the little man in gray kneeling before the bookcase.

"I can assure you, my good woman," he was saying, "that our firm, as administrators, will see that justice is done you, whether your late mistress' will is found or not. You can file claim for unpaid wages, you know—"

"If she can prove she has not already drawn them," Peter Hines broke in from the desk over which he was bending.

"Or that Sarah Baldwin didn't think she had done enough in giving Maggie a home in exchange for her services," Sophy, his wife, supplemented. "Sarah was not fond of spending, you know! Why—the way she treated Peter—her only relative—never a penny!"

Maggie Flannery sank back in her chair, the lassitude of her hopelessness marking every line of her worn face and frail body.

The search continued in silence. The room, a bedchamber, was in a state of upheaval; drawers thrown open and contents jumbled; books from the case piled on the floor; the wardrobe stripped, the garments heaped on the old four-poster.

Then, as Sophy pushed the last of the dresser drawers she had been examining, she drew close to her husband, whispering: "Cheer up, Peter! Suppose a will does turn up! I may only give Maggie her wages, after all, and make her heir!"

Peter gave her a warning nudge. "Not a chance!" he breathed. "You know the old skinflint always warned me Maggie was to be her sole beneficiary at death. My one hope is—since the document wasn't filed—that I get my hands on it first. I won't rest until I do!"

But finally Peter did, sinking down on the bed and lighting a cigarette. Accidentally the flaming match fell on the garments beside him. In snuffing it out he suddenly laughed.

"Sarah not fond of spending!" he quoted his wife. "Well, if this is a sample of my aunt's wardrobe, I think we must agree she wasn't!"

At the sneering tone the old woman roused herself: "Miss Sarah liked her old things best. She always said: 'Old clothes, like old friends—'

"Maggie!" broke in Sophy, "don't be impertinent."

"Let her be, Sophy. It's edifying to hear these reminiscences! This now"—and Peter mockingly picked up an old dressing gown—"this, Maggie, judging from its ancient appearance, was treasured as a life-long friend, eh?"

Just then the little man in gray turned from replacing the last book in the case; and just as suddenly Peter jumped to his feet.

"But let's end it! What say you, Mr. Dowling? I think you're convinced we've searched thoroughly."

"There's certainly no evidence of a document," Mr. Dowling admitted. He gazed at Maggie Flannery.

Peter Hines turned to the lawyer: "I'll tell you, Mr. Dowling, what I think the explanation is: My aunt intended for me to come into the money this way! You see—during her life—

time she—well, she acted anything but like a wealthy woman should toward her only relative. Remorse for that, no doubt, when death drew near, filled her with a desire to make amends. But she was a proud woman; wouldn't want me to know. So—by dying intestate—you see—restitution, without humbling her pride—"

Then a sudden thought came to Sophy. Quickly she grabbed up the old dressing gown, after a swift glance convinced her it was the most dilapidated of the garments. "Here, Maggie, is that robe of Miss Sarah's; that ought to make a grand keepsake—since you loved her so well! Take it, and go. And don't come back here again, or I'll have you arrested for false pretenses—claiming wages we don't owe you! Go now!" Without further ado Sophy took hold of the dazed old woman and thrust her down the back stairway.

Shortly after Peter returned. His manner gave portent of mystery.

"You get rid of her?"

Sophy smiled. "Yes; and I gave her that old dressing gown."

Peter started, then staggered toward a chair. "My God!" he gasped. "Then you gave her the will?"

"Peter!" chided Sophy, wild-eyed. "You're crazy!"

Her husband wagged a tortured hand. "You did, I tell you! When I picked up that old gown on the bed I suddenly noticed a paper sticking out of the pocket. On it was plainly written: 'Last will and testament of Sarah Baldwin.' I was just going to grab it and thrust it in my pocket when Dowling happened to look up and start toward me. So the only thing I could do was push it back in its place until I got rid of him and Maggie. I knew that if they saw it the jig was up! He'd claim a big fee for finding it—and she'd claim everything legally—And good God, that's what she'll do, now that she has the will!"

Identification

"Is Mrs. Rise at home?" inquired Mrs. Chatters, standing in the shadow of the doorway.

"I don't know, ma'am," the new maid replied. "I can't tell till I get a better look at you. If you've got a wart on the side of your nose, she's out."

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FOR SALE—Crook Bros. Strain Half and Half Cotton Seed, \$5 per 100, at Leachville, Ark. No seed shipped, but delivered at Leachville, Ark.—A. C. Metcalf, Leachville, Ark.

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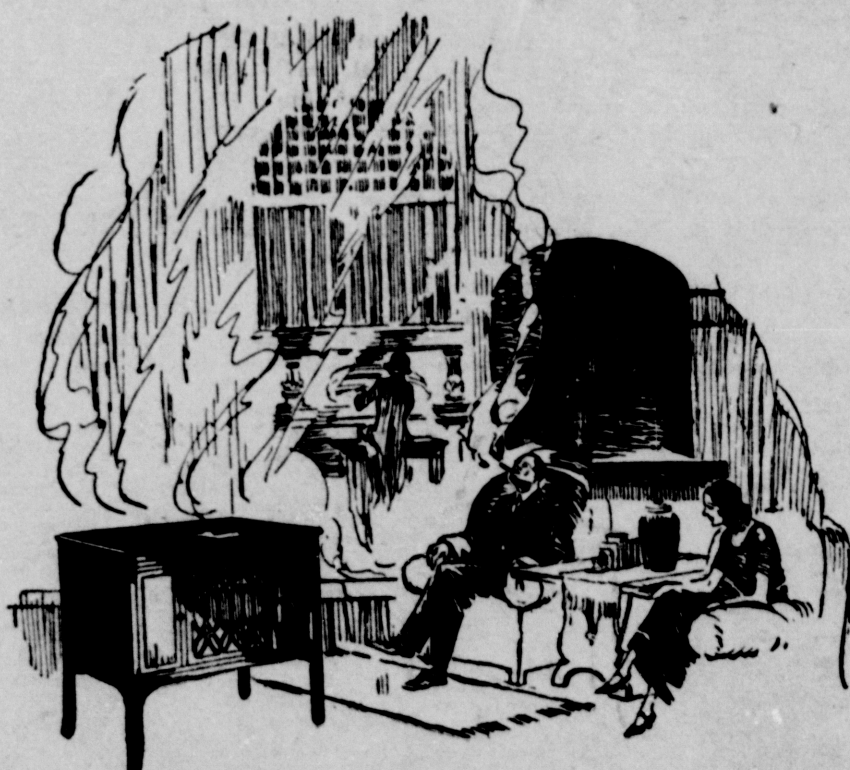
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ACT I.

SCENE—The living hall of the Baxter home. Noon, on a June day.

ACT II.

SCENE 1—Same as Act I—evening. About two weeks after Act I.
SCENE 2—The porch of the Parcher house.

ACT III.

SCENE—The hall in the Baxter house. It is evening, about mid-August.

ACT IV.

SCENE 1—The Parcher porch.
SCENE 2—Party in full swing.

MAY 20, 1925

FARM BUREAU NEWS FROM NEW MADRID

Don't Lose Your Wife

In the May 16 edition of the Country Gentlemen, the Editor makes mention of a Pennsylvania woman who left her husband who would not keep a cow on the farm. Of course, this act was in itself extreme and quite likely had other justifiable circumstances to back it up. However, farmers should realize that one of the chief advantages of farm life is the opportunity that it offers for the farm family to live well. If the farmer does not take advantage of the opportunity to live well, then farm life becomes a drudgery and no women or children like a life of drudgery without any bright spots. Most of the so-called advantages of modern conveniences to be had in the city can be more than offset by good living and good health of country life. Some of the things essential to a comfortable life in the country are milk cows, home cured meat, a year round garden, fruit trees and chickens. Keep these things on your farm and keep your family happy.

Four Cotton Demonstrations Established

S. G. Hull of Risco, Geo. M. Meier and Soldan Gee of Parma and Tom Melton of Canalou have laid off plots and established a cotton demonstration. Mr. Hull's will be in the nature of a fertilizer demonstration using a complete fertilizer, straight acid phosphate and a plot with no fertilizer. Geo. M. Meier will have a similar demonstration. Tom Melton and Solan Gee will have spacing demonstrations, comparing thick spacing with wide spacing. These men will handle the demonstrations according to best practices as have been advocated by the Extension Service thru the County Farm Agent.

Morehouse Farmer to Have Soybean Demonstration

Paul H. Teal of Morehouse is putting on a soybean demonstration. The variety which Mr. Teal is using for the demonstration is the Virginia. This variety is one of the best yielders of extreme fine grade and is also a good yielder of seed. Mr. Teal is

also trying out several other varieties, although these are not included in the demonstration. The other varieties are the Loreda, the chief characteristic of which is its ability to produce well on lands that are too low and seepy to be safe for cotton and corn, the Wilson, which is also a very fine yielder or hay, adapted to a somewhat heavier soil than the Virginia, and the Midwest which is used a good deal in corn that is to be hogged down or pastured.

R. G. Stroud of Matthews called at the office last week to purchase some hog serum.

Lawrence Hahn of Portageville was a visitor at the Farm Bureau last week. Mr. Hahn wished to know where Loreda soybeans could be obtained.

Chas. Barnes of Marston paid us a social call last week.

Jere Caverno of Canalou was in to see us last week to get repairs for his vaccinating outfit.

John J. Klipfel of Portageville was also a visitor at the office last week.

CAIRO PHYSICIAN AMONG 300 TO SEE HOSPITALS ABROAD

One of the most ambitious trips ever taken by a party of American physicians and surgeons, and one which gives them a chance of a lifetime will be taken this summer, when 300 doctors will visit Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Italy, under the auspices of the Tri-State Medical Society.

Dr. J. E. Woelfle of Cairo is one of three Southern Illinois physicians who will make the trip. In the party will be some of the foremost surgeons of the country including the Drs. Mayo.

The start begins at Chicago on May 17th, and the first stop will be at Toronto, where two days will be spent in attending clinics at the university. A day at Ottawa and two at Montreal will follow, and the party will sail on May 23d from Montreal on the White Star line steamer Doric.

Arriving at Liverpool on June 1, a week will be spent in attending clinics at the 35 hospitals in London, followed by visits to Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Crossing the channel, a stay from June 21 to 27 will be made at Paris then the tour will take in Lyons, Stuttgart, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and Geona, returning to Paris on July 13 and embarking for the return trip home on the 15th.

There will be clinics every day except Saturday and Sunday, which will be given over to sight seeing. The clinics will be held from 8 to 4, and in the evening there will be social functions. One of these will be a reception held by Lady Astor on June 6th.

The trip will be a great opportunity to see the world's most famous surgeons at work and to learn from them first hand what they have found in regard to medical practice. At the same time it will give a chance to see the interesting place in the leading countries of Europe.—Cairo Evening Citizen.

Dr. Woelfle is well-known in Sikeston, having treated a number of patients from here.

Though she is past 81 years of age, Mrs. A. T. Herrmann of San Jose, Cal., has just taken up golf.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mother's and Children's Day will be celebrated jointly here Sunday, May 24. There will be an all day program, with dinner on the ground. A most enjoyable time is expected. Come and help to make it that way. We were very sorry that we could not observe Mother's Day the day that was set aside, May 10, but under the circumstances it was impossible. On the 24th day of May it will be observed. Everybody is extended an invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and little daughter and Miss Frankie Deane of New Madrid visited Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane, Sunday.

Mrs. L. F. Swartz shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. John Ridge motored to Ark., Saturday, where they went to visit with relatives.

M. R. Davis and G. F. Deane went to New Madrid Saturday on business. Mrs. Maggie Hunott and son Gobel Owings, of near La Forge, spent the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. Russell Stone spent the week-end in Sikeston visiting with her husband and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Latimer motored to Marston Thursday evening to visit relatives.

Mr. Harris of Gideon was a Matthews visitor, Friday.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and mother, Mrs. Moore were Sikeston visitors, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rub Bornhart and son Mrs. Amanda Long and children motored to New Madrid Friday evening to attend the high school play.

Miss Ida Vicksler and Paul Caruthers attended the show in Sikeston on last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby motored to New Madrid Saturday on business.

Mrs. Bess Fulkerson and Miss Adie James of Sikeston spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Thos. Holderby attended the Missionary meeting in New Madrid last Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blair.

Attorneys M. G. Gresham and H. C. Blanton and G. A. Dempster of Sikeston attended to business in Matthews, Saturday.

Misses Mabel Mecklem and Alice Deane and Mrs. L. F. Swartz, teachers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades, will give a flower cantata in the auditorium Friday evening, May 15th. Everyone is invited.

The commencement exercises will be held Saturday evening. They were put off until Saturday in order to have our county superintendent, P. J. Stearns, with us.

J. A. Davis and father of Greenville were here to witness the wedding of their son and brother, M. R. Davis, which took place Sunday night.

Miss Dorothy Waters and Bert Gentry motored to Sikeston Saturday to attend the show.

Mrs. Frank Ratcliff, who has been at Mt. Vernon, Mo., the past few months for her health, came home Friday for a visit with her husband and little daughters and other relatives. Mrs. Ratcliff's many friends are very glad to see her so improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smotherman of St. Louis arrived in Matthews Saturday on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill and other relatives.

Mrs. Menda Atchley and daughter, Miss Virgie and Mrs. Thos. Holderby visited with friends in Big Opening, Sunday.

Mrs. Loy Roberts of St. Louis is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGee.

Misses Evelyn Brooke and Marie Bolton of Parma attended the wedding of Mr. M. R. Davis and Miss Wynette Caruthers here, Sunday evening.

The marriage of Mr. Milus R. Davis and Miss Dolly Wynette Caruthers was solemnized at the Methodist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Johnson, pastor. The attendants were Wm. H. Deane, Jr., and Miss Elvira Brooks.

The bride was most beautifully gowned in white satin and duchess lace. The bridesmaid wore blue crepe de chine, with a large picture hat.

The largest crowd that has ever been in Matthews witnessed the wedding ceremony Sunday evening, showing in what honor this young couple held in this community. Mr. Davis is the superintendent of the high school and has made many friends here. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caruthers, prominent farmers here. Mrs. Davis has a host of friends in this city, who extend hearty congratulations for a long and happy married life. They are at the Hotel Franklin until school closes, when they will leave for Cape Girardeau, where Mr. Davis will enter school.

Several friends from Canalou, Pharris Ridge, Kewanee, Parma, New Madrid and Sikeston were here to witness the wedding.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Miss Sue Shelby returned from Mt. Vernon, Mo., where she has been in the State Sanatorium for her health. She is reported much improved.

J. R. Grabenhorst, President of the Bank of Canalou, spent Saturday in New Madrid on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud returned last Friday from Terra Haute, Ind., where they were called by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. B. M. Jones.

Mrs. Floyd S. Hummel and children left Tuesday for their home in St. Louis, after a several weeks visit with relatives and friends in New Madrid.

Mrs. H. C. Riley, Jr., was hostess to a number of her friends at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Bock, last Thursday afternoon on Scott Street. Ten tables of guests enjoyed playing Bridge, with Mrs. June St. Mary winning first prize, a silver mesh bag, and Mrs. F. M. Robbins made the next best score and received an orchid necklace, while the consolation prize went to Mrs. Amos Riley. After the game, a very dainty salad luncheon was served. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. O. W. McCutcheon of Sikeston, Mesdames L. D. Marlowe, C. W. Stevenson, R. E. Wiley and Amos Riley, of Lilbourn, Mesdames Wm. Prehn, C. V. Hansen and Miss Bryl Hamilton of St. Louis and Miss Margaret Moore of Charleston.

Mrs. H. C. Hunter was hostess to a number of her friends last Saturday afternoon with four tables of Bridge, at her home on North Main, complimentary to Mesdames C. V. Hansen and Wm. Prehn of St. Louis. The house was elaborately and tastefully decorated with pink and white roses, for the guests, who spent the time in playing Bridge, with Mrs. R. L. Simmons carrying off the honors of the prize, an embroidered sheet, while Mrs. Hansen won first guest's prize, an embroidered towel, and Mrs. Prehn winning second guest's prize, a set of table markers. A delicious two-course luncheon concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mesdames Adelia Newsom, Eddy Phillips, H. C. Hunter, A. L. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Mann and two little nieces, Kathryn and Adell Newsom, and Misses Lady Lewis and Marie Hunter of this city and Mesdames C. V. Hansen of St. Louis spent Saturday afternoon in Sikeston.

Mrs. A. L. Phillips entertained the following friends honoring Mesdames C. V. Hansen and Mrs. Wm. Prehn of St. Louis, with a line party at the Dixie Theatre last Friday evening, who afterwards enjoyed the remainder of the evening at her home with dainty refreshments. The guests besides the honorees, were: Mesdames H. C. Hunter, Eddy Phillips, J. C. St. Mary, H. C. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Cook and little daughter, Esther Selma, of Baltimore, Md., arrived Sunday for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Cook of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann, Luke B. Dawson and Miss Columbe Dawson motored to St. Louis, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dalton and Miss Carolyn of Malden visited relatives in New Madrid Sunday. Returning home they were accompanied by Miss Mildred Lewis.

Henry Miller of Johannesburg, S. Africa, was a visitor of G. Manne of this city last week.

At a recent meeting of the New

Madrid School Board, the following teachers were elected: R. E. Smith, Marshall, Mo., Superintendent; Louis Wodyard, Principal; Miss Garnett Claypool, Newark, Mo.; Miss Ernestine Ernst, Wm. W. Cornell, Morehouse; Miss Esther Knott, New Madrid; Mrs. J. M. Massengill, New Madrid; Miss Mildred Koch, Miss Lela Peterson, Albany, Mo. Mr. Cornell played center on the football team and was captain of the baseball team at Cape Girardeau this last season.

Rev. Thos. B. Mather, pastor of the Methodist church at Sikeston, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the Senior class at the auditorium of the public school last Sunday morning to a large and appreciative audience.

The two plays, "Les Precieuses Ridicules" and "Spreading the News" staged at the public school Friday of last week by the Senior Class, was a decided success and was much credit to the pupils and teachers as well. About \$145 was realized.

FRANK C. STOKES SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Columbia, May 11.—Frank C. Stokes was formally sentenced to serve five years in the State Penitentiary by Judge Ernest C. Gantt here this afternoon. Stokes received his sentence in a stoical manner. It had been agreed between the State Attorney and the defendants' attorneys that the other 6 cases were to be dismissed after Stokes received a three year sentence on one charge and a two year sentence on another.

When Judge Gantt asked what disposal was to be made of the other cases, Prosecuting Attorney Faucett surprised the defendants' attorneys by asking for a continuance in three of the remaining cases. This brought a private conference between the attorneys.

Faucett declared that he had heard rumors in Fulton that an effort was to be made to get Stokes out of prison on parole after he had served a part of his time. Senator Nick Cave declared that he had never heard such rumors.

Stokes' father and two brothers were in the court room. Senator Cave motioned them into an ante-room and there the State's Attorneys, defendant attorneys and relatives conferred.

When the attorneys returned to the bar Faucett agreed to dismiss the other six cases.

Stokes is a native of Southeast Missouri.

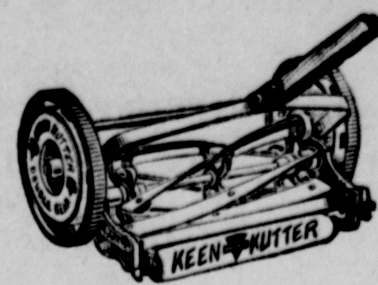
CHIEF OF "SERUM RING" TO GO ON TRIAL AT LITTLE ROCK

Poplar Bl., May 12.—E. Gartman, alleged chief of the Ripley County serum ring, was taken to St. Louis by a United States Deputy Marshal, en route to Little Rock, where he will be tried tomorrow in Federal Court on charges of using the mails to defraud. Gartman, who fell out of his bunk in county jail here several days ago, and suffered severe injuries, is much improved. He and nine others were indicted by the Federal grand jury at Cape Girardeau in connection with the use of serum in collecting insurance.

Chinese women are demanding a larger part in the affairs of their country.

A small spoonful of sugar added to the roast beef gravy, either in pot roast or oven roast, will give it a rich color as well as improve the flavor.

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Don't wear out your back with a rusted wreck when you can get a smooth running lawn mower that will adjust to cut the grass any desired length. We have the

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These features make KEEN KUTTERS easy to run and easy to cut grass:

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to
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Our stock is limited. Get your cake pan at once. Don't delay and miss this chance.

See These Pans in Our Windows Saturday

YOUR GROCERIES should always be selected with the greatest care. Be sure that you are getting an honest quality for the price you pay. Such service we are giving our patrons daily. Always something new and fresh in our Grocery Department.

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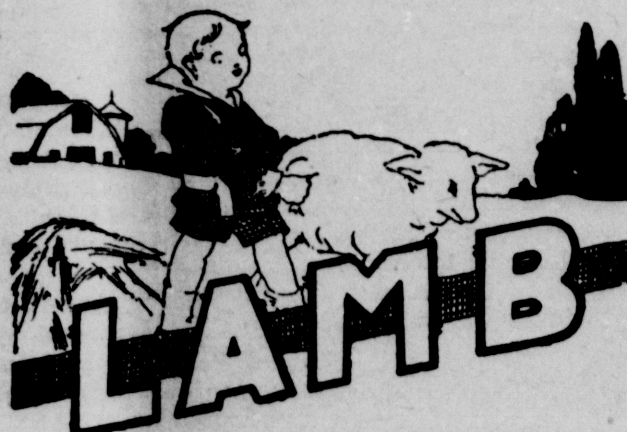
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PURITY MARKET

SUGAR CREEK CONTEST FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

There will be 10 separate contests, each one of the undersigned stores conducting a contest separate.

The farm scene displayed in the show windows is the prize. Each merchant will give to the boy or girl who brings to him the most empty used *Sugar Creek* cartons on

Monday, June 1

when the contest ends, the entire scene, animals and all.

Parents, you should help your children win these prizes, the neighbors will help. Save the cartons, count, tie them in a neat bundle and take to your groceryman on Monday, June 1. The prize will be given to the child bringing in the most. This contest is to further acquaint the people with

Sugar Creek

the most wonderful creamery butter on the market.
(EACH and every pound guaranteed unconditionally.)

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Andres Markets
Belen Grocery
Gross Grocery
H. & H.
Glover Grocery

MISSOURI FRUIT PROMISES PLENTY

Jefferson City, May 11.—Prospects for the fruit crop in Missouri were not seriously injured by frosts early this month, and reports on the various crops show most of them are in better condition than at this time last year, it is stated in a bulletin issued today by E. A. Logan of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Jewell Mayes of the State Board of Agriculture.

The apple crop is 82 per cent the normal average, compared to 30 per cent at this time last year. The peach crop condition is 60 per cent, as against 40 last year, cherries and plums are reported at 77 per cent and strawberries at 96 per cent. The strawberry crop was damaged to some extent by frosts in local areas.

May condition of Missouri wheat is 89 per cent of normal, it was said, forecasting an average yield of 13.35 bushels an acre on the 2,312,000 acres to be harvested. The estimated total yield for Missouri is 30,865,000 bushels, compared to a yield of 24,589,000 bushels in 1924 from 1,924,000 acres.

The wheat came through the winter in better condition than expected following heavy sleet storms in December, the bulletin stated. Only 1.5 per cent of the 2,347,000 acres planted was abandoned, leaving 2,312,000 acres of wheat for the Missouri harvest. This abandonment is the smallest in several years.

Estimates on the national wheat crop place it at 444,833,000 bushels, against 590,037,000 bushels last year.

The bulletin states farm work is considerably more advanced than at this time last year. Plowing is 74 per cent completed, against 65 per cent last year, and spring planting 61 per cent completed against 55 per cent last year. The labor supply almost equals the demand, it was said except in scattered localities of the corn producers.

PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED TO REFER COMPENSATION LAW

St. Louis, May 14.—Petitions to refer the Workmen's Compensation Law passed by the last General Assembly are being circulated throughout the State. Under the provisions of the initiative and referendum law, only five per cent of the voters in two-thirds of the sixteen Congressional Districts are required to sign these petitions to refer the Workmen's Compensation Law to the voters.

If the required signatures are obtained, the new law which would become effective July 9, would be made inactive until after the voters of Missouri sustain or reject the Workmen's Compensation Measure at the polls in November, 1926.

Paid solicitors who receive ten cents a name for obtaining signatures to the referendum petitions, are now at work in various sections of the State. Trade unionists affiliated with the Federation of Labor have been urged by their executives to refrain from signing these referendum petitions. R. T. Wood, President of the State Federation of Labor, who with his executive associates, has declared the Workmen's Compensation Law recently signed by Governor Sam A. Baker to be the most constructive piece of legislation that has been enacted in Missouri during the past twenty-five years, has, through the press of the State, urged all employees not to sign the petitions now being circulated.

The present Workmen's Compensation Law was sponsored by the Associated Industries of Missouri, and has the approval of the employers and of the Federation of Labor. The opposition, according to Elmer Donnell, Managing Director of the Associated Industries, comes from the damage suit lawyers and a few disgruntled Labor leaders in St. Louis and Kansas City.

"We sincerely hope that the enforcement of the Workmen's Compensation Law will not be delayed through the referendum," said Mr. Donnell. "If it is, the Associated Industries of Missouri will use every honorable means to persuade the voters at the election in November, 1926, to sustain the action of the Legislature in passing the Act."

St. Paul's cathedral covers an area of two and a quarter acres.

Of 78 persons who died at Crediton, Devon, last year, one was aged 96, two were 90, ten between 80 and 90, 14 between 75 and 80, and 12 between 70 and 75.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Kansas City—Liberty Garment Co. purchases site for erection of new factory.

Excelsior Springs—Tentative plans being made to widen highway between this place and Kansas City.

St. Joseph—New motion picture theatre to be built between Twentieth and Twenty-second Streets.

Boonville—Work started on rebuilding California City Hotel, recently damaged by fire.

Kansas City—Excavation work begun for 3-story building to be used as future home of two motor companies.

Garden City—Work on highway No. 1 progressing rapidly.

Frankford—New Bank of Frankford formally opened.

Excelsior Springs—Broadway to be repaired during year.

Kansas City—New building of Robert Keith Furniture & Carpet Company to be under construction by July 1.

Monett—Improvement work under way at Broadway Hotel.

New Franklin—Masonic temple dedicated.

Columbia—Contracts to be let in immediate future for construction of three new school buildings.

Novinger—Novinger Bank building to be remodeled.

Columbia—New equipment being installed in chemistry building at University of Missouri.

Sedalia—Plans under way to rebuild George R. Smith College, recently destroyed by fire.

Boonville—Construction work started on new Missouri Power & Light Co. plant, east of here.

Hatfield—Bond issue voted for new high school building.

The value of building contracts awarded during March was the largest on record, according to the federal reserve board figures.

Flat River—Masonic temple to be erected in near future.

Boonville—Plans completed for improvement work at Evangelical church.

Backed By Ambulance Chasers

The referendum petitions for a submission of the workmen's compensation law to the voters at next year's election are now in circulation. They are being circulated by a publicity company, which, of course, will be paid for every signature attached to the petitions.

The scheme to submit the compensation act to a referendum is merely a business transaction. Public policy and the welfare of the employers or wage earners with which the act deals have little to do with it. The compensation act is approved by the Associated Industries of Missouri, representing the employers. It is endorsed by President Wood of the Missouri Federation of Labor, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared that the act was an excellent measure and supplied a good working basis, which might be amended as amendments are found to be desirable.

It is generally agreed by those who have studied the question of compensation and have a knowledge of compensation legislation in other states that this Missouri measure is a fair measure—fair to employers and employees.

There cannot be any question of the need of a measure of this kind in Missouri and of the wisdom of legislation which provides for those who are disabled in industry. Without the law, the courts are choked with litigation by both employers and injured employees lose, and only ambulance chasers and damage-suit lawyers gain. Wage earners disabled by accidents wait years for compensation and divide what they get with greedy lawyers. The act is opposed also by a few labor organizations who will not be satisfied with anything except radical measures. The financial backers of the referendum are the legal ghoulies who fatten on litigation.

It will be unfortunate if the 40,000 signatures in 11 congressional districts are obtained. It is to be hoped that citizens who understand what this act means in industrial progress and social welfare will refuse to sign the petition. If a sufficient number of signatures are obtained, however, the issue will have to be met at the polls. It should be met with a campaign of education and a majority of votes in its favor which will keep the act on the statute books and put an end to the years of struggle to provide for wage earners dis-

abled in industry through certain, adequate compensation, without costly litigation.—Post Dispatch.

The polk was originally a Bohemian peasants' dance.

Princess Mafalda, daughter of the King of Italy, recently acted as starter of the international automobile race in Rome.

If you are in rather a hurry to cook fresh beans or peas, put a pinch of bicarbonate of soda in the pan with them. It will hasten the cooking process without injuring the flavor or appearance.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

AT THE

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Saturday Afternoon and Saturday Night

Saturday Afternoon

2:30 to 6:00 O'clock

VAUDEVILLE

TWO ACTS

ART MIX IN

"The End of the Rope"

"INTO THE NET" No. 6

Admission 10c and 25c

Saturday Night

6:00 to 10 o'clock

VAUDEVILLE

AND

TOM MIX IN

"The Sawdust Trail"

"INTO THE NET" No. 6

Admission 10c and 30c

146 COMMODITIES MADE OUT OF CORN

Washington, May 10.—One hundred and forty-six commodities are made out of corn, the Department of Agriculture reports. Some of the most prominent are: Shoe heels, chair cushions, cigarette holders, gun-powder, incense, punk, phonograph records, shaving soap, shoe horns, varnish and "white mule" (moonshine whisky), and face powder.

Chemists of the department have been working on the problem of utilizing waste products of this crop since 1918, and have discovered many uses that are commercially practicable.

Trustee's Sale

Default having been made for more than six months in payment of dues and interest secured by notes described in deeds of trust executed by D. H. Clear, single and unmarried, one deed of trust dated April Twentieth, Nineteen Hundred Twenty and recorded on the Twenty-Seventh day of April, Nineteen Hundred Twenty, in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 40, at page number 515; the other deed of trust dated February Twentieth, Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, and recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, on the Twenty-Sixth day of February, Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, in Book number 37, at page number 514; conveying to and designating the following real estate and improvements thereon, in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lot number one (1), in block number four (4), in McCoy and Tanner's Ninth Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, according to the recorded plat thereof, said property being sometimes known and conveyed as McCoy and Tanner's Second Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, and also being sometimes known and conveyed as McCoy and Tanner's Addition to the town or city of Sikeston, Missouri, and all improvements on above described property.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said notes and deeds of trust and the legal holder and owner of said notes and deeds of trust having declared the whole debts due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

Monday, June 8th, 1925

between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. of said day, sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House in the town or city of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debts and costs.

LEE B. EWING, Trustee.

First publication May 15.

7TH CORPS AREA TO HAVE 3 CITIZENS' CAMPS IN AUGUST

Omaha, Nebr., May 14.—The United States Government will conduct three Citizens' Military Training Camps in the Seventh Corps Area from August 1 to 30. Young men between the ages of 17 and 31 are eligible of the highest moral character will be able to attend these camps. Only men accepted.

While these camps are called Citizens' Military Training Camps, the military feature is not by any means the chief end sought—but is simply a means to an end. The object of the camps is to bring together young men from all parts of the country on a common basis of equality, and by outdoor life and military training combined with expert athletic coaching (to develop young men physically, mentally and morally and by teaching them sound American principles make of them better American citizens.

No father or mother need fear that any attempt will be made to teach their sons militarism, for it is a fact that officers of the Army of the United States are more opposed to war and militarism than any body of men in this country.

While at the camps the morals of the young men are guarded to the limit of human possibility. Clean, wholesome, healthy amusements and sports are provided. Hostesses and chaperons of the Army are on duty at all of the camps and the opportunity is afforded every young man to attend the religious service of his choice.

These camps form the greatest schools of true, clean-cut Americanism that have ever been maintained in this country. Even Dr. Frank Crane, the most sincere and outspoken pacifist of the present day, has put the stamp of his unqualified indorsement on the Citizens' Military Training Camps in an article which has received the widest circulation in the press of this country.

Young men, here is a golden opportunity for a wonderful month of pleasure and profit at no expense to you or your parents—for the United States Government pays for your railroad fare to and from the camps, for your food, shelter, uniforms, laundry and medical and emergency dental attendance while at the camps.

Fathers and mothers, having the best interest of their boys at heart, will see that they attend one of these camps during this coming August and

when the boy comes home they will be astounded at his mental, moral and physical improvement.

For full information write to the Citizens' Military Training Camp Officer, Army Building, Omaha, Nebr.

INHERIT \$40,000 FROM COUSIN IN NEW YORK

West Plains, Mo., May 12.—The Misses Lorraine and Anna Adams of this city are two of nineteen heirs who are to share in a \$40,000 estate left by Miss Clara A. Calkins, a cousin, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., and whom they have not seen since infancy. All nineteen of the heirs are cousins, Miss Calkins having no closer relatives. The Misses Adams are school teachers and the cousin from whom they inherit was a teacher in the Brooklyn public schools for over forty years.

M. E. CHURCH AT CLARKTON BURNED SATURDAY NIGHT

The Methodist church at Clarkton, a frame building, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night, when it caught fire from the private garage owned by J. A. Northington, which was also destroyed. It is not known how the blaze started.

The church building had just been remodeled last week at a cost of \$250, being beaver-boarded on the interior, the roof repaired and a new coal house built. The building was valued at about \$2000.

YOUNG WOMAN ENDS LIFE IN BLUFF JEWELRY STORE

Poplar Bluff, May 12.—An inquest was ordered today in the case of Miss Florence Brown, 26 years old, of Cairo, Ill., who ended her life with poison in a jewelry store here last night. August Winkler, owner of the store; Rolla Nicholson, Mrs. Maud Trout and Miss Nettie Joseph were held pending the inquest. The woman drank a poisonous solution used to clean jewelry.

TWENTY-ONE WILL GRADUATE FROM BLOOMFIELD HIGH

Bloomfield, Mo., May 11.—Alma Siefert is valedictorian and Clarence Curneal is salutatorian at the high school graduating exercises to be held here Friday, May 15 when twenty-one students will be awarded diplomas of graduation from the high school.